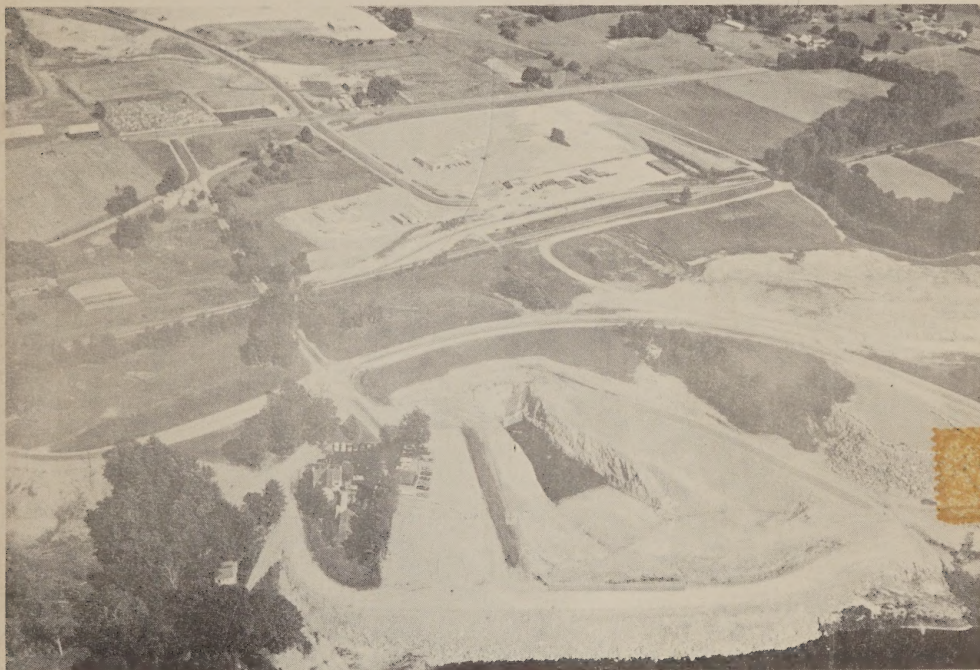


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VIEW OF NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN PROJECT, LOWER AREA, WITH
TAILRACE TUNNEL AND CONNECTICUT RIVER IN THE FOREGROUND

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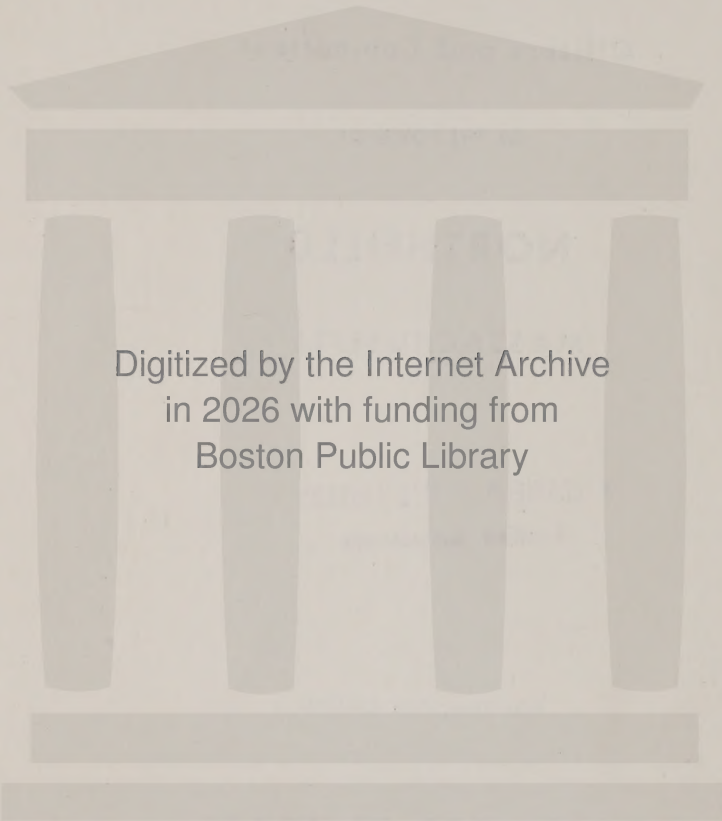
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TOWN OFFICERS

March 1968 to March 1969

MODERATOR

Corys M. Heselton

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

TREASURER

Edgar J. Livingston

SELECTMEN

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman	Term expires March 1969
Stanley J. Powers	Term expires March 1970
Herbert H. Streeter	Term expires March 1971

ASSESSORS

Robert P. Barnes, Chairman	Term expires March 1969
Lee H. Sheldon	Term expires March 1970
Roger Greenwood	Term expires March 1971

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires March 1969
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank Rockwell	Term expires March 1969
Wallace Stange	Term expires March 1970
Elizabeth L. Bolton, Chairman	Term expires March 1971

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles W. Llewelyn	Term expires March 1969
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires March 1970

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

John Trumbull	Term expires March 1969
Margaret L. Jones	Term expires March 1969
Evelyn Parker	Term expires March 1970
William H. Hawley, Chairman	Term expires March 1970
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1971
Elsie Scott	Term expires March 1971

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Bassett	Term expires March 1969
Owen Stacey	Term expires March 1970
Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1971

TREE WARDEN

Joseph Bilmon	Term expires March 1970
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CONSTABLES

Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1971
Niles E. Stone	Term expires March 1971
William J. Young	Term expires March 1971
Clesson Field, Jr.	Term expires March 1971

PLANNING BOARD

David Quinn	Term expires March 1969
Gerald Barnes	August 1968
Appointed - October 1968	
Charles M. Cooper	Term expires March 1969
James Dresser	Term expires March 1971
Ross L. Spencer, Jr.	Term expires March 1972
Harold Newton, Chairman	Term expires March 1973

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul Mayberry, Chairman	Term expires March 1969
Arthur Gleason	Term expires March 1969
Helen Stearns	Term expires March 1970
Albert W. Stompe	Term expires March 1970
Chester Hooper	Term expires March 1971
Harvey Hatheway	Term expires March 1971

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1969

ACCOUNTANT

Ann P. James Term expires July 1971

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Howard E. Williams

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Eugene Miller Philip Mann, Jr.

Paul Carpenter

ACTING POLICE CHIEF

Stanley T. Wickey

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph G. Morgan

Clesson Field

Niles E. Stone

Harold F. Bigelow, Jr.

William J. Young

Albert Weissinger

Gerald Hicks

Harold Johnson

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Albert Weissinger

Term expires April 1969

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Joseph S. Bilmon

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.

Edward Dwight

Robert L. Huber

Edward Burniske

Leon H. Dunnell

Dominick Ferrante

Frank S. Kelley

Donald Smith

James McCollister

Dorothy Bogusz

INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND SLAUGHTERING

Leonard W. Barnes

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond

Term expires April 1969

FIELD DRIVERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.

Robert L. Gibson

Fredd M. Fuller

Martin Fritz

Edward C. Bolton

Paul Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

William Young

FOREST WARDEN

Joseph S. Bilmon

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Clayton H. Glazier	Term expires 1969
Luman Barber	Term expires 1970
Laurence M. Hammond	Term expires 1971

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale	Helen M. Stearns
Helen Greene	Harrison Stacy
Flora C. Abbey	Ann P. James
Catherine Gilbert	Edward M. Powell, Jr.

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Mychaeline Skinner	Delores R. Avery
Mary L. Holton	Edith Smolen

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Robert T. Thompson	Hamilton S. Cregar
Wayne R. Billings	William J. Baker
Chester Hooper	Edward E. Doolittle
John Blazejewski	Watson E. Black
Arthur H. Bolton, Jr.	Johann J. Nortz
Raymond C. Waterman	Leon A. Bistrek
George Mello	Duncan F. Campbell
Paul E. Chamberlin	David C. Cook
Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.	Laurence M. Hammond
Leonard N. Lanphear	Wayne A. Black
Stanley P. Gorzocoski	Homer F. Browning, Jr.
Julia A. Quinn	Martha L. Jones
Viola J. Williams	Jean H. Ladzinski

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

During the year thirty-four building permits were issued. The estimated construction costs for these is \$343,525.00.

The insurance as provided by vote on the provisions of Chapter 32B was purchased and put into effect during the year. This allows the town to pay one-half of the premium of Health, Accident and Life insurance program on town employees.

We have asked for a larger appropriation for the town hall as the interior needs painting and the drapes had to be removed to meet building inspection and should be replaced with suitable drapes.

The first recreation area in connection with the Northfield Mountain program was opened at Munn's Ferry during the year.

The selectmen have held hearings and had many meetings with various officials in connection with the construction of the Northfield Mountain project.

We recommend serious consideration be given to the proposals brought forth by the Sewerage Survey Committee. The town needs a sewerage system and with construction costs rising yearly, the sooner a construction program is started the more economical it will be for the town.

The dump problem is still with us and the recommendations of the Dump Study Committee should be given serious consideration.

We wish to thank everyone who called attention to various details and problems throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT P. STEARNS, Chairman
STANLEY J. POWERS
HERBERT H. STREETER

Board of Selectmen

POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Sewage Disposal System

Town of Northfield

January 7, 1969

Much research and investigative work was accomplished by the Committee during 1968 and early 1969. Time and effort was expended to gather technical information and other information pertaining to the responsibilities of the Town and the Northfield School to cease the pollution of the Connecticut River.

It is clear that the Northfield School and the community of Northfield should join forces in a common effort to eliminate pollution in the Northfield area. The Water Pollution Control Division of the Department of Natural Resources insists that a joint solution would be preferable to two separate plants. A single plant would be more efficient, operating costs would be lower and pollution control would be simplified.

The Northfield School is prepared to underwrite the entire portion of the Town's share of the project cost exclusive of land costs. The Town may expect that 75 or 80% of the total cost will be subsidized by State and Federal funds. It will be helpful if the Town planning board will have some kind of local master plan so that the community may qualify for the 80% grant versus the 75% grant. The county planner however, has assured this committee that his office will approve our application for the 80% grants based on the Town's participation in Regional planning.

A meeting was held which included Mr. Cazazza of the Division of Water Pollution Control who explained to the selectmen, the Sewer Study Committee, and to the planning board members that the two sewers in the town were in fact "causing direct or indirect pollution of the Connecticut River" and the town is obliged to cease and desist. The Northfield Schools have two sewer outfalls that are also causing direct pollution of the river and this must also cease in accordance with an implementation schedule that has been received by the Town and School officials.

Our engineers "Tighe & Bond" have been working on the design of the North Interceptor. Funds for this work were made available by the Northfield Schools. Plans to acquire a suit-

able site for the disposal plant are in the works. Tighe & Bond have recommended a site near the river south of that point where the Central Vermont railroad crosses the river.

The basic requirements needed to satisfy the Division of Water Pollution Control for the Town and School consist of the following:

- (1.) Construction of Sewage Disposal Plant just south of Central Vermont railroad bridge crossing.
- (2.) Construction of North Interceptor to pick up two "Schools" sewers.
- (3.) Construction of West Interceptor to pick up existing Meadow and Parker Street sewers in the Town of Northfield.

According to estimates by Tighe & Bond this program will cost approximately \$369,000 exclusive of land acquisition cost. A 75% grant from Federal and State sources will leave the Town's share of the cost at \$92,250 but the Northfield School will pay the total project cost up to \$92,250 exclusive of land costs according to a letter of intent sent to the Town's selectmen by Dr. Howard L. Jones, President of Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools.

The next step in the development of a sewer program in the Town would be the construction of additional interceptors and street sewers to encompass the "Town proper". This could be known as Tighe & Bond's scheme No. 4 as outlined in their 1964 engineering report. The entire scheme 4 project encompassing the "built up" portion of the town would cost approximately \$1,100,000 over and above the water pollution control project (indicated above as \$369,000).

A 50% Federal grant is available for construction of street sewers. This is known as the H.U.D. grant. The entire scheme 4 project is not necessary at this time, and the \$1,100,000 cost could be scaled down if critical areas could be treated on a priority basis.

Construction and operating costs for a sewer system in the Town of Northfield would be borne substantially by those who benefit from such an installation.

It is important that action be taken soon on construction of sewers in the Northfield community for the following reasons:

- (1.) To abate pollution of our streams.
- (2.) To improve living standards in this community.
- (3.) To increase real estate values in the town to be competitive with other progressive communities.
- (4.) To save money - ie - Sewers must eventually be constructed in the town. - If sewers were constructed in 1964 when the initial study and recommendations were made, we could have saved 30% of the present cost! If we do not proceed now, costs will continue to increase possibly 10% per year.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. PELZEL
Chairman
Sewer Study Committee

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

It is extremely important the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any correction may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1968

Date	Name	Parents
January		
10	Lapine, Cathy Ann	William & Elizabeth L.
23	Barnes, Deborah Ann	Leonard W. & Mavis H.
31	Dresser, James English III	James E., Jr. & Dorothy E.
February		
11	Sheetz, Jefferson Leyden	Kenneth H. & Barbara J.
16	Podlenski, Susan Mary	Frank B. & Mary E.
29	Fisk, Dorie May	Arthur R., Sr. & Nancy Ann
March		
5	McCassie, David Michael	Leonard W., Sr. & Marie A.
April		
3	Wood, Robert Douglas	Richard E. & Barbara M.
14	Given, Mark Hobart	Sidney H. & Phyllis E.
14	Given, Jane Elizabeth	Sidney H. & Phyllis E.
May		
2	Davis, Andrew Crawford	George T., Jr. & Barbara J.
22	Steiner, Marcia Marie	Joseph J. & Hanna L.
June		
5	Stevens, Karla	Robert L. & Judith L.
9	Ryan, Amy Elizabeth	Donald P. & Ann Louise
21	Johnson, Michael Alfred	Ronald A. & Julia E.

July		
10	Gleason, Jennifer Caroline	Arthur E., Jr. & Deborah H.
September		
18	Saczawa, Edward James, Jr.	Edward J. & Rose Marie
October		
11	Rogers, William Charles	Robert N. & Helen H.
12	Clough, Darrell Roger	Dale R. & Diane B.
December		
3	Krehbiel, Aaron Thomas	Thomas K. & Elizabeth M.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1968

Date	Name and Residence	Place of Marriage
January		
13	Newton, Arthur Roy, Northfield, Mass. Dobrowolski, Jane Clementine, Adams, Mass.	Adams, Mass.
13	Nortz, Johann Jakob, Northfield, Mass. Wilder, Joyce Anne, Northfield, Mass.	South Braintree, Mass.
February		
10	Robertson, William Vincent, Gill, Mass. Clough, Janice Marie, Northfield, Mass.	Turners Falls, Mass.
21	Feeley, Paul Francis, Stoneham, Mass. Randall, Angela Marie, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
April		
21	Browning, Samuel Jacob, Northfield, Mass. Williams, Joyce Marie, Northfield, Mass.	Moore's Corner, Mass.
May		
4	Ho, Chong Cheong, Naugatuck, Conn. Daze', Patricia Ann, New York, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
4	Clough, Dale Roger, Northfield, Mass. Baranoski, Dianne Marie, So. Deerfield, Mass.	South Deerfield, Mass.
June		
1	Ives, Alexander Frank, Old Saybrook, Conn. Stanley, Claudia Frances, Old Saybrook, Conn.	Northfield, Mass.

June

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| 15 | Bailey, Carroll Wesley, Gill, Mass.
Rankin, Elaine Louise, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 15 | Berquist, Roger C., Warwick, Mass.
Copeland, Rachel A., Warwick, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 17 | Hayward, Ralph Andrew, Townsend, Mass.
Bolduc, Lillian Matilda (Swicker),
Erving, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 22 | LaBelle, Gerry E., Northfield, Mass.
Pierce, Elizabeth A., Brattleboro, Vt. | Brattleboro, Vt. |
| 29 | Decato, Philip George, Greenfield, Mass.
Merrifield, Linda Belle, Greenfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 29 | Kirkland, Elden Russell, Sheffield, Ala.
Stratton, Nancy Viola, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 29 | O'Keefe, Thomas Caldwell, III,
Wellesley, Mass.
Hamilton, Barbara Andrews, Greenfield,
Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 30 | Keith, Rockwood, Jr., Marblehead, Mass.
Comins, Marilyn Jean, Greenfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |

July

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| 13 | Wonsey, David Allen, Montague, Mass.
Noga, Elaine Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass. | Millers Falls,
Mass. |
| 20 | Baker, Andrew David, Leyden, Mass.
Wood, Linda Judy, Northfield, Mass. | Leyden, Mass. |
| 29 | Varney, Frederick Ellsworth, Montague,
Mass.
Osborne, Margaret Jane (MacDonald),
Northfield, Mass. | Chicopee, Mass. |

August

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| 3 | West, William Richard, Hadley, Mass.
Shearer, Jeanne Margaret, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 10 | Goodwin, Alfred Benjamin, Vernon, Vt.
Stange, Carolyn Eleanor, Northfield, Mass. | Vernon, Vt. |

August

- 17 LaFleur, Richard Norman, Windsor, Conn. Northfield, Mass.
Maynard, Enid Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.
- 17 Mecheski, Francis Daniel, Hinsdale, N. H. Northfield, Mass.
Shumway, Pamela, Brattleboro, Vt.
- 26 Preston, John Emery, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Page, Kathleen Doris (Brissette),
Greenfield, Mass.
- 31 Shepard, Curtis Dunham, Northfield, Mass. Vernon, Vt.
Smith, Joyce Marie, Northfield, Mass.

October

- 5 Fowler, Jonathan Lee, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
Miller, Rebecca Jean, Northfield, Mass.
- 12 Murray, Eugene Lewis, Vernon, Vermont Northfield, Mass.
Dunnell, Cheryl Ann, Brattleboro, Vt.
- 19 Merritt, Gardner Franklin, Leyden, Mass. Shelburne, Mass.
Gaines, Lesley Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- 26 Summers, William Henry, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Landers, Shirley Emma May (Beale),
Greenfield, Mass.

November

- 11 Stratford, Derrell Malcolm, Northfield, Bernardston,
Mass. Mass.
Nelson, Eva Lee, Bernardston, Mass.
- 16 Kiablick, John Robert, Chester, Vt. Northfield, Mass.
Lord, Alice Belle, Northfield, Mass.
- 23 Keith, Donald Austin, Warwick, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Brassor, Carolyn, Northfield, Mass.

December

- 7 Houghton, Peter Michael, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Payne, Elizabeth Jane, Greenfield, Mass.
- 28 Repeta, Richard Joseph, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Kiefer, JoAnn Elaine, Greenfield, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1968

Date	Name	Years	Age Months	Days
January				
27	Cembalisty, Joseph Stanley	85	11	13
February				
10	Kenney, Ernest Andrew	72	4	12
12	Martin, Helen Gray	99	11	1
14	Thayer, Ernest Leroy	83	10	6
March				
9	Higley, Bruce R.	22		
16	White, Evelyn MacIlvaine	59	11	11
June				
4	Gray, Andrew R.	78	8	22
4	Irish, Annie Harvey	95	7	20
4	Wozniak, Henry Joseph	47	0	26
11	Williams, Mavorette Reed	92	6	18
15	MacDonald, Christine (Jordan)	68	11	25
26	Bolton, Doris L.	69	4	29
July				
1	Townsend, Albert George	69	5	11
3	Carr, George W.	85	0	1
August				
2	Bilmon, Blanche E. Malinowski	58	8	23
20	Thompson, Julia Purington	79	1	30
26	Barnes, Gerald Richard	53	6	19
September				
28	Granger, George B.	71	11	15
October				
1	Der, Ning Hue	47	2	24
17	Edson, Gladys Bowen	84	5	11
November				
3	Cutter, Vernon Alfred	67	1	29
4	Faford, Roland E.	57	6	24
4	Russell, Robert John	76	1	2
22	Given, Martin	20	5	19

December

5	Hatch, Roy R.	94	1	20
12	Dow, Henry A.	67	11	18
20	Dunnell, Grace Miller	95	2	8
24	Podlenski, Julian J.	63	10	11
24	Parker, Frederick	20	1	1
27	Field, Fanny Green	86	6	24
31	Parmiter, Edward Elliott	97	2	10

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1968

Male Dogs	119
Female	16
Female (Spayed)	64
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	6
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	1

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1968

Resident Fishing	77
Resident Hunting	98
Resident Sporting	73
Resident Minor Fishing	29
Resident Women's Fishing	21
7-Day Non-Resident Fishing	5
Non-Resident Fishing	37
Alien Fishing	0
Resident Minor Trapping	0
Resident Trapping	0
Non-Resident Hunting	11
Archery Deer Stamp	7
Resident Sporting (Free)	18
Duplicate	3
Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free)	2

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1968

Alcohol (Methyl)	0
Auctioneer	2
Auctioneer (Temporary)	0
Common Victualler	4
Gasoline	5
Innholder	1
Junk	0
Milk	2
Oleomargarine	0

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 4 and 5, 1968

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 610 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	583
Blanks	27
Town Treasurer, one year	
Dorena G. Johnson	252
Edgar J. Livingston	345
Blanks	13
Selectman, three years	
John A. Hogan	202
Herbert H. Streeter	403
Blanks	5
Moderator, one year	
Corys M. Heselton	567
Blanks	43
Assessor, three years	
Roger M. Greenwood	419
Joseph L. Manning	177
Blanks	14
Tax Collector, one year	
Gordon W. Leavis	548
Blanks	62
School Committee, three years	
Elizabeth L. Bolton	542
David Mroczek	1
Blanks	67
Library Trustee, three years (2)	
Luman A. Barber	480
John A. Peters	227
Elsie S. Scott	405
Blanks	108
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Horace F. Field	572
Blanks	38
Constables at large (3), three years	
Clesson M. Field, Jr.	425
Gerald C. Hicks	361
Joseph G. Morgan	489
Niles E. Stone	435
Blanks	120

Constable, Farms, three years	
William J. Young	568
Blanks	42
Planning Board, five years	
Harold A. Newton	547
Blanks	63
Insurance Question	
Yes	360
No	138
Blanks	112

After the announcement of the results, the meeting was closed, to be reopened on Tuesday, March 5, 1968 in accordance with the Warrant.

Attest: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

COPY OF THE VOTES TAKEN AT THE
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 5, 1968

One-hundred and ninety voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant on March 5th, to conduct the business of the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Reverend Harold Tallman offered the invocation. Girl Scouts Susan Gibson, Donna Randall, and Roxanne Gould led the flag salute and one verse of America, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George Leonard. Forty-five guests sat in the balcony. The reading of the Record was waived. James R. Dale and Helen M. Stearns were appointed to serve as tellers. Consideration of the Articles of the Warrant resulted in the following action:

Article 1. VOTED: To take no action on the reports as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. VOTED: To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968; and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968.

Article 3. VOTED: To empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of elected officials, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this article, and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of raising the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

VOTED: That the salary of each elected official for the calendar year 1968 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote be taken appropriating each amount accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Moderator Salary	\$ 25.00
Moderator Expense	15.00
Finance Committee Expense	50.00
Selectmen's Salaries	1700.00
Selectmen's Expense	650.00
Selectmen's Clerk	1600.00
Town Accountant Salary	1200.00
Town Accountant Expense	135.00
Treasurer, Salary	1200.00
Treasurer, Expense	500.00
Tax Collector, Salary	1200.00
Tax Collector, Expense	800.00
Foreclosure Costs - Tax Title	500.00
Protection Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors' Salaries	1475.00
Assessors' Expense	600.00
Town Clerk, Salary	750.00
Town Clerk, Expense	100.00
Legal Expense	350.00
Elections and Registration	3000.00
Planning Board Expense	200.00
Town Hall Maintenance	6000.00

Soldiers' Relief	\$ 2000.00
School Committee Salaries	375.00
P.V.R.S. Committee Salaries	375.00
Elementary School	181177.00
P.V.R.S.D. Capital Budget	19283.64
P.V.R.S.D. Operating Budget	184488.00
Water Holes	400.00
Hydrant Service	500.00
Fire Station & Town Garage Maintenance	2000.00
Tree, Trim & Plant	1200.00
Combat Dutch Elm Disease	3000.00
Insect & Pest Control	850.00
Wire Inspector	50.00
Dog Officer & Expense	250.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Public Health	2000.00
Nurse & Substitute	5730.00
Part-time Nurse	1500.00
Nurse, Expense	670.00
Nurse, Car Expense	500.00
Nurse's Clerk	2500.00
Constable, Spec. Police Pay, Exp., & Equip.	2400.00
Fence Viewers, Field Drivers, Pound Keeper	25.00
Fire Dept., Salaries	500.00
Fire Dept. Operating Account	4500.00
Fire Dept. New Equipment	1300.00
Public Safety	50.00
Highway Superintendent Expense	200.00
Highway Dept. Sick Leave, Vacations & Holidays	1800.00
Tools for Highway Work	400.00
Snow Removal	10000.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	3000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street List	50.00
Sidewalks	500.00
Street Lighting	6900.00
Land Damage	600.00
Welfare Board	275.00
Inspection of Animals	450.00
Inspection of Meat & Slaughtering	50.00
Athol-Franklin Regional-Vocational School District	555.55
Maintenance Athletic Field	400.00
Swimming Pool	1300.00
Town Reports	1200.00
Memorial Day & Veterans Day Observances	350.00
Fire & Casualty Insurance	7500.00
Chapter 32B Insurance Funds	4000.00
Town Clock	100.00
Alexander Hall	200.00

Cemeteries	\$ 2600.00
Fire Station Bonds & Interest	478.00
Maturing Debt	3000.00
Interest	100.00
Discontinued School Houses	100.00
Public Assistance	50000.00
Welfare Administration	2670.55

Article 5. VOTED: To authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or to employ a clerk, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100.00 to pay the salary of such clerk.

Article 6. VOTED: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4950.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway repair and improvements and that the sum of \$18,150.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 7. VOTED: That the sum of \$27,000.00 be appropriated to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction; and to meet the said appropriation, the sum of \$6750.00 be appropriated from taxation, and the sum of \$20,250.00 be transferred from free cash in the treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt, to the excess and deficiency account.

Article 8. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that the sum of \$5000.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the treasury to meet the State and County shares; the reimbursements upon receipt to be restored to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the use of Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7892.00 for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 12. VOTED: To appropriate the money received from the County, known as the "Dog Fund" for the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 13. VOTED: To accept the sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing State Aid for Free Public Libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public libraries.

Article 14. VOTED: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town purchase a new Highway Department Dump truck and related equipment; and to meet the cost thereof, the sum of \$9000.00 be raised by taxation and balance be provided by trading in the existing GMC dump truck (1964 model) now used by the Highway Dept.

Article 16. VOTED: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2200.00 for the purchase of a new Pickup Truck for the use of the Highway Department.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town accept the following described parcel of land from the Western Massachusetts Electric Company:

'A parcel of land in Northfield lying a short distance easterly from Massachusetts State Highway Route 63, bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning at a point at the northeasterly corner of land conveyed by the grantor to the grantee by deed dated August 25, 1966 and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds Book 1201 Page 661; thence N85°-40'-20"E along land formerly of Eugene Galvis, now of Western Massachusetts Electric Company 200.00 feet to a concrete bound; thence S3°-51'-53"W along other land of the grantor 245.88 feet to a concrete bound; thence S87°-35'-23"W along said other land of the grantor 200.00 feet to a point at the north-easterly corner of land conveyed by the grantee to the grantor; thence N4°-04'-00"E along land of the grantee 239.24 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 1.104 acres more or less.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Western Massachusetts Electric Company by deed of Joseph Bartus dated October 8,

1965 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1187 Page 673.

Also conveying to the grantee a right of way for ingress and egress for persons on foot or in vehicles from Route 63 to land of the grantee and to the land herein conveyed. Said right of way shall extend easterly from Massachusetts State Highway Route 63 a distance of 450 feet. The southerly boundary of the right of way to be 30 feet distant from and parallel to the property line of the grantee except that portion adjacent to Route 63 where the distance shall be 8 feet.'

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town deed to Western Massachusetts Electric Company the following parcel of land: (adjacent to Northfield Farms Cemetery.)

'A parcel of land in Northfield on the easterly side of Massachusetts State Highway Route 63, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Route 63, said point being at the northwesterly corner of land conveyed by the grantee to the grantor by deed dated August 25, 1966, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds Book 1201 Page 661; thence $N87^{\circ}-35'-23"E$ 22.00 feet to a point; thence $N4^{\circ}-48'-08"E$ 22.00 feet to a point; thence $N87^{\circ}-35'-23"E$ 304.52 feet to a point; (the last three courses being along other land of the grantor); thence $S4^{\circ}-04'-00"W$ along land of the grantee 120.77 feet to a point; thence $S87^{\circ}-35'-23"W$ along said land of the grantee 328.08 to a point in the aforesaid line of Route 63; thence $N4^{\circ}-48'-08"E$ 98.96 feet along said Route 63 to the place of beginning and containing 0.891 acres more or less.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of the grantee dated August 25, 1966 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1201 Page 661.'

Article 19. VOTED: To transfer from Overlay Reserve, the sum of \$5000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

Article 20. VOTED: To transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1968 Tax Rate.

Article 21. VOTED: To change the term of the Tax Collector from one year to three years.

Article 22. VOTED: To accept the sum of \$100.00 each for the perpetual care of the following cemetery lots from the respective people or families;

Lot #32 Mt. Hermon Cemetery	From Julia Pierce, Edward Blake & Barbara Blake
Lot #79 Northfield Farms Cemetery	From Mr. Lawrence A. Comins
Lot #48 Northfield Farms Cemetery	From Mrs. George H. Pratt
Lot #56½ Mt. Hermon Cemetery	From Mrs. Jessie H. Hyde
Lot #47 Mt. Hermon Cemetery	From Julia M. Stark
Lots #144 & 149 West Northfield Cemetery	From the Estate of LeRoy R. Barnes
and \$25.00 for Lots #167 & 168 West Northfield Cemetery	From Hartley L. and Flora M. Bosworth

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from unappropriated available funds to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 24. VOTED: To accept the report of the Sewerage Disposal Committee and empower the committee to continue its study; and to appropriate the sum of \$2600.00 for the expenses of the Special Sewer Disposal Committee. To meet this appropriation, \$600.00 be provided by taxation, and the Town accept a gift of \$2000.00 from the Northfield School for this purpose.

Article 25. DEFEATED: The matter was resolved with a decision to appoint a committee of three to study and suggest ways of controlling problems at the Parker Avenue Dump. The moderator to make the appointment and the committee to report to a special or annual town meeting.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000.00 to repair and improve the heating system of the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Attest: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

April 30, 1968

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 12:00 noon the polls were declared open. The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and it was determined that 206 votes were cast; 144 Republican and 62 Democratic, with the following results:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Presidential Preference

John A. Volpe	32
Nelson A. Rockefeller	49
Richard M. Nixon	41
Hubert H. Humphrey	3
Eugene J. McCarthy	9
Charles H. Percy	1
Pat Paulson	1
George Wallace	1
Ronald Reagan	1
Blanks	6

District Delegates to National Convention (2)

Silvio O. Conte	135
Maria B. Dwight	112
Blanks	41

Alternate District Delegates (2)

Muriel R. Klein	119
Doris R. Garbose	112
Blanks	57

District Member of State Committee (Man)

Felix W. Borawski	46
Paul T. Ford	84
Blanks	14

District Member State Committee (Woman)

Bertha C. Farnsworth	126
Blanks	18

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Presidential Preference

Eugene C. McCarthy	51
Richard M. Nixon	1
Nelson A. Rockefeller	1
Edward M. Kennedy	3
Hubert H. Humphrey	6
Blanks	0

District Delegates to National Convention (2) Group I	
John J. Fitzgerald	41
John B. Lawton, Jr.	42
Blanks	41
Alternate District Delegates (2) Group I	
Robert M. Abrams	37
Albert A. Bogdan	35
Blanks	52
District Delegates to National Convention (2) Group II	
John D. Courtney, Jr.	7
James M. Burns	10
Blanks	107
Alternate Delegates (2) Group II	
Sean M. Dunphy	13
Henry O'Connor, Jr.	7
Blanks	104
District Member State Committee (Man)	
Arthur B. Proulx	20
Paul McDonald	21
Blanks	21
District Member State Committee (Woman)	
Grace A. LaMontagne	35
Blanks	27

At the close of the polls, the clerk read the results and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
September 17, 1968

At the time and place set forth, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and at 12:00 noon the polls were declared open. The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and it was determined that 103 votes were cast; 84 Republican and 19 Democratic, with the following results:

REPUBLICAN PARTY	
Representative in Congress, First Congressional District	
Silvio O. Conte	73
William Vogt	4
Carl Keyser	2
Blanks	5

Councillor - Eighth District	
Raymond J. Fontana	77
Blanks	7
Senator-Franklin-Hampshire Senatorial District	
John D. Barrus	77
Blanks	7
Representative in General Court-First Franklin District	
Winston Healy	79
Blanks	5
County Commissioners (2)	
Thomas Herlihy	76
Wendell E. Streeter	83
Blanks	9
Sheriff	
Chester S. Martin	83
Blanks	1
District Attorney-Northwestern District	
Oscar Grife	77
Blanks	7

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Representative in Congress, First Congressional District	
Silvio O. Conte	10
Blanks	9
Councillor - Eighth District	
John Michael Sullivan	13
Blanks	6
Senator-Franklin-Hampshire Senatorial District	
Dwight M. Scandrett	16
Blanks	3
Representative in General Court-First Franklin District	
John A. Fiske	13
Blanks	6
County Commissioners (2)	
Thomas Herlihy	1
Wendell E. Streeter	1
John Hogan	1
Blanks	35
Sheriff	
Louis F. Hahn	13
Blanks	6
District Attorney-Northwestern District	
Edwin M. Podolak	11
Blanks	8

At the closing of the polls, the Clerk read the results and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

November 5, 1968

At the time and place set forth, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, the polls were declared open at ten A.M. and were closed at 8:00 P.M. It was determined that a total of 1122 votes were cast, with the following results:

Electors of President and Vice-President	
Blomen and Taylor	0
Humphrey and Muskie	349
Munn and Fisher	3
Nixon and Agnew	718
Wallace and Griffin	41
Blanks	11
Congressman - First District	
Silvio O. Conte	1016
Councillor - Eighth District	
Raymond J. Fontana	825
John Michael Sullivan	231
Blanks	65
Senator - Franklin-Hampshire District	
John D. Barrus	819
Dwight M. Scandrett	265
Blanks	37
Representative in General Court	
Winston Healy	815
John A. Fiske	271
Blanks	35
County Commissioners (2)	
Thomas Herlihy	883
Wendell E. Streeter	932
Blanks	427
Sheriff - Franklin County	
Louis F. Hahn	224
Chester S. Martin	853
Blanks	44
District Attorney - Northwestern District	
Oscar Grife	782
Edwin M. Podolak	295
Blanks	44
Question 1. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution,	
Governors' Approval	
Yes	748
No	201
Blanks	172

Question 2. Graduated Income Tax	
Yes	383
No	569
Blanks	169
Question 3. Declaration of Disability	
Yes	729
No	184
Blanks	208
Question 4. Proposed Constitutional Convention	
Yes	462
No	350
Blanks	309
Question 5. Sales of all Alcoholic Beverages	
Yes	428
No	612
Blanks	81
Sale of wine & malt beverages	
Yes	420
No	581
Blanks	120
Sale of Alcohol in Hotels	
Yes	483
No	540
Blanks	98
Question 6. Capital Punishment (retain)	
Yes	563
No	409
Blanks	149

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

TAX RATE	\$36.00				
PROPERTY ASSESSED		VALUE	TAX	ABATEMENTS	
Real Estate Levy of 1968		\$9,440,125.00	\$339,844.50	\$5,109.19	
Omitted Assessments		18,750.00	675.00		
Personal Estate Levy of 1968		1,479,161.00	53,249.79	610.20	
TOTAL ESTATE LEVY OF 1968		\$10,938,036.00	\$393,769.29	\$5,719.39	
REAL ESTATE LEVY OF 1967				273.90	
REAL ESTATE LEVY OF 1966				257.40	
MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE		\$66.00/1000			
Levy of 1967 in 1968		\$206,150.00	\$5,824.04	\$684.38	
Levy of 1968		1,177,565.00	69,218.79	5,109.19	
FARM ANIMAL & MACHINERY EXCISE		\$5.00/1000			
		\$356,200.00	\$1,781.00		
NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSED					
Horses & Ponies	62		Cows		7
Bulls	9		Heifers		11
Number of Acres	17,620		Dwellings		799

WEST NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT

LEVY 1968	Tax Rate \$1.00/1000	VALUE	TAX	ABATEMENTS
Real Estate		\$385,870.00	\$385.87	\$39.60
Personal Property		10,750.00	10.75	

NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations Voted to be Raised	\$4,575.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	3,000.00
	<u>\$7,575.00</u>
Debt & Interest Charges	3,622.00
	<u>\$11,197.00</u>

Total Amount to be Raised	\$8,197.00
Estimated Receipts	3,000.00
From Free Cash	<u>\$11,197.00</u>

Net Amount to be Raised	0.00
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Respectfully submitted,
 Robert P. Barnes, Chairman
 Roger M. Greenwood
 Lee H. Sheldon

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TAXES FOR 1965

Collected After Abatement		\$22.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$22.00	
	<u>22.00</u>	<u>22.00</u>

TAXES FOR 1966

Personal Property Outstanding 1-1-68		18.15
Paid to Treasurer	18.15	
	<u>18.15</u>	<u>18.15</u>

Real Estate Outstanding 1-1-68		2,511.53
Refunds		257.40
Abatements	257.40	
Tax Titles Taken	599.86	
Paid to Treasurer	1,911.67	
	<u>2,768.93</u>	<u>2,768.93</u>

Motor Vehicle Outstanding 1-1-68		187.37
Collected After Abatement		19.80
Refunds		12.40
Paid to Treasurer	209.66	
Outstanding 1-1-69	9.91	
	<u>219.57</u>	<u>219.57</u>

TAXES FOR 1967

Farm Excise Outstanding 1-1-68		115.80
Paid to Treasurer	115.80	
	<u>115.80</u>	<u>115.80</u>

Personal Property Outstanding 1-1-68		224.40
Abatements	16.50	
Paid to Treasurer	207.90	
	<u>224.40</u>	<u>224.40</u>

Real Estate Outstanding 1-1-68		12,058.06
Collected After Abatement		9.90
Refunds		257.40
Abatements	273.90	
Tax Titles Taken	620.40	

Paid to Treasurer	<u>11,431.06</u>	
	12,325.36	<u>12,325.36</u>
Motor Vehicle Outstanding 1-1-68		2,846.55
Committed After 1-1-68		5,824.04
Refunds		436.32
Collected After Abatement		13.75
Abatements	684.38	
Paid to Treasurer	8,044.13	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>392.15</u>	
	9,120.66	<u>9,120.66</u>

TAXES FOR 1968

Farm Excise Levy		1,781.00
Paid to Treasurer	<u>1,781.00</u>	
	1,781.00	<u>1,781.00</u>
Personal Property Levy		53,249.79
Abatements	610.20	
Paid to Treasurer	52,443.39	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>196.20</u>	
	53,249.79	<u>53,249.79</u>
Real Estate Levy		340,519.50
Refunds		2,362.90
Abatements	20,941.80	
Tax Titles Added	1,241.10	
Paid to Treasurer	304,448.29	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>16,251.21</u>	
	342,882.40	<u>342,882.40</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		69,218.79
Refunds		1,833.46
Abatements	5,109.19	
Paid to Treasurer	62,323.66	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>3,619.40</u>	
	71,052.25	<u>71,052.25</u>

WEST NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT

TAXES FOR 1967

Personal Property Outstanding 1-1-68		1.13
Paid to Treasurer	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1.13</u>
	1.13	1.13
Real Estate Outstanding 1-1-68		480.38
Paid to Treasurer	<u>480.38</u>	<u>480.38</u>
	480.38	480.38

TAXES FOR 1968

Personal Property Levy		10.75
Paid to Treasurer	<u>9.65</u>	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>1.10</u>	<u>10.75</u>
	10.75	10.75
Real Estate Levy		385.87
Refunds		<u>10.70</u>
Abatements	39.60	
Tax Title Added	.90	
Paid to Treasurer	331.67	
Outstanding 1-1-69	<u>24.40</u>	<u>396.57</u>
	396.57	396.57

Gordon W. Leavis

Tax Collector

REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporation and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the period from March 14, 1965, the date of the previous examination, to January 13, 1968, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved. The recorded receipts and payments were compared with the town treasurer's books, while the appropriations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1967.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail for the audit period, and, due to the election of a new treasurer, for the further period from January 14 to March 16, 1968, preparatory to the transfer of the cash and securities and books and accounts to the newly-elected treasurer.

The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were compared with the town accountant's books, with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury.

The payments were compared with the warrants approved by the selectmen and with the town accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash balance on January 13, 1968 and on March 16, 1968 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, by examination of the savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county and teachers' retirement systems, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and teachers' credit union and association dues were examined and checked. The deductions were footed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances on hand were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The town and district taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books, the reported redemptions and sales were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger, and were further verified by comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

It is again recommended that action be taken in instituting foreclosure proceedings on the tax titles held over two years, as required by the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer, the selectmen, and the trustees were examined and listed. The income and bequests were proved, and all other transactions were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments of town and district taxes and excise, were audited and proved with the warrants issued by the board of assessors for their collection. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the town and district treasurers, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' re-

cords of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were proved, the outstanding accounts on January 13, 1968 were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger, and the cash balance on January 13, 1968 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository and by actual count of the cash in the office.

For purposes of verifying the outstanding accounts notices were mailed to all of the persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and district, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are substantially correct.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The recorded receipts for dog and sporting licenses issued, as well as for licenses issued on behalf of the selectmen, were checked. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand January 13, 1968 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the 1965, 1966, and 1967 tax rates.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts by the board of selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the community nurse, as well as by the highway, public welfare, veterans' services, school, library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town or bills were sent out for collection, were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified by comparison with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand in the several departments was verified by actual count.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the transactions and condition of the several trust and schedules showing the transactions and condition of the several trust and investment funds.

On behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation for the cooperation received from all town officials while engaged in making the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

William Schwartz

Assistant Chief of Bureau

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

STATE AUDIT

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1967

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Liabilities and Reserves

Cash

\$209,568.44

Accounts Receivable:

Employee Payroll Deductions
Blue Cross and Blue Shield

\$55.60

Taxes:

Tailings - Unclaimed Checks

132.00

Levy of 1966:

Personal Property \$18.15
Real Estate 2,511.53

Levy of 1967:

Personal Property 224.40
Real Estate 12,058.06

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1966 187.37
Levy of 1967 2,846.55

Farm Excise:

Levy of 1967

3,033.92

Library Funds:

Belcher Library

115.80

Tax Titles and Possessions:

Tax Titles:

Town

15,720.19

Maude Montague

257.57

Marina Stanley

436.40

Charles Dickinson

75.31

D. A. R. Book Fund

135.00

19.66

Gift - Village Improvement Society

350.90

Trust Fund Income:

Charity Funds:

Elisha Alexander

\$1,054.01

George F. Morgan

426.62

Roselle Evans

161.21

Marcy M. Ruggles

1,210.00

Starkweather

Belcher Center School

427.79

Fund

School Lunch Fund	1,976.71
Appropriation Balances: Revenue	36,357.89
Overestimate 1967: County Tax	1,947.73
Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,969.37
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	2,962.12
Road Machinery Fund	9,827.22
Reserve Fund - Overlays Surplus	18,880.45
Overlays Reserved for Abatements: Levy of 1966	2,205.74
Levy of 1967	6,836.70
	9,042.44
Revenue Reserved Until Collected: Motor Vehicle Excise	3,033.92
- Farm Excise	115.80
Tax Title & Possession	16,205.66
Departmental	2,884.15
Aid to Highway	25,728.83
	47,968.36
Surplus Revenue	121,014.07
	<u>\$272,829.55</u>

\$272,829.55

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$21,000.00	Fire Station and Garage Loan	\$21,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Charity Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer	\$76,711.95	Lottie Evans	\$1,394.14
		George F. Morgan	3,000.00
In Custody of Selectmen	10,323.00	Roselle Evans	500.00
		School Funds:	
In Custody of Trustees	14,217.76	Surplus Revenue	1,600.00
		Belcher Center	1,250.00
		Library Funds:	
		Belcher	9,739.01
		Charles P. Dickinson	3,000.00
		C. Ina Merriman	
		Dickinson	3,129.62
		Maude Montague	2,009.60
		Northfield Chapter	
		D.A.R. Book Fund	100.00
		Marina Stanley	530.00
		Cemetery Funds:	
		Belcher Center	2,000.00
		Mary H. Callender	500.00
		James W. Cowles	2,000.00
		Calvin Stearns	500.00

West Northfield	9,242.49
Cemetery Perpetual	
Care	18,999.75
Post-War Rehabilitation	
Fund	12,117.34
Stabilization Fund	5,100.00*
	\$76,711.95

In Custody of Selectmen:	
Elisha Alexander Charity	
Fund	2,020.00
Marcy M. Ruggles	
Starkweather Memorial	
Fund	8,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Funds	303.00
	10,323.00

In Custody of Trustees:	
Martha W. Alexander	
Charity Fund	14,217.76
	\$101,252.71

*In General Treasury

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1968

Now retired, after many years of accounting and financial experience, I have been interested in seeing just how much time is involved in the work of the Town Treasurer. A day-by-day record of work has been kept for the past nine and one-half months and it averages out to 109 hours a month. This amounts to about twenty-five hours per week, or more than a half-time position. For 109 hours, one receives less than \$1.00 per hour. It is not being very realistic to expect a person to put in so much time at such a low rate of pay. (Since I am not a candidate for reelection, I seek no increase for myself.)

One of the opportunities of the Town Treasurer is to invest surplus cash, whenever possible, in short-term accounts. I have carried out such a program which has earned \$823.00 by December 31, 1968, and which will have added about \$1127.00 more by February 16, 1969. This means that the Town income will have been increased by \$1950.00 for the year.

I feel that the next Treasurer should have a substantial increase in salary because of the amount of work involved. I hope that the investment of surplus cash will be continued, and thus more than cover the added expense to the Town of the salary increase.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR J. LIVINGSTON

Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

Balance January 1, 1968	\$ 209,568.44
Receipts for year 1968	<u>1,007,856.38</u>
Total	1,217,424.82

Payments per Warrants	\$ 1,150,585.26
Cash on hand December 31, 1968	52.51
Franklin County Trust Co.	65,527.05
Franklin Savings Institution	<u>1,260.00</u>
Total	1,217,424.82

Franklin County Trust Co. of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1968 per statement	63,899.40
Deposit in transit December 31, 1968	15,019.54
Deposit in transit December 31, 1968	<u>17,837.31</u>
Total	96,756.25
Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1968	31,229.20
Check Book Balance	<u>65,527.05</u>
Total	96,756.25

Cash on Hand and Invested

Franklin County Trust Co.	
Checking Account	65,527.05
Certificate of Deposit due 1/9	75,000.00
Certificate of Deposit due 1/16	50,000.00
Cash on hand not deposited	52.51
Franklin Savings Institution	<u>1,260.00</u>
Total Cash	191,839.56

Franklin County Retirement System

Member Payments in 1968	3,022.31
Paid to Franklin County Retirement Board in 1968	3,022.31

Federal Withholding Tax Statement

Withholding Tax deductions in 1968	\$ 22,730.01
Paid to Collector of Internal Revenue 1968	22,730.01

Massachusetts Withholding Tax Statement

Withholding Tax deductions in 1968		4,332.33
Paid to Commonwealth of Mass. in 1968	4,289.70	
Employer's Compensation	<u>42.63</u>	
Total		4,332.33

Highway Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1968	55.60	
Member Payments in 1968	<u>788.62</u>	
Total		844.22
Paid to Massachusetts Hospital Service in 1968		844.22

School Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Member Payments in 1968		3,197.22
Paid to Massachusetts Hospital Service in 1968		3,197.22

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

Member Payments in 1968		5,279.97
Paid to Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board in 1968		5,279.97

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers Assn. Dues

Member Payments in 1968		456.00
Paid to Pioneer Valley Teachers Assn. in 1968		456.00

Teachers' Annuities with
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Member Payments in 1968	\$ 625.00
Paid to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in 1968	625.00

Group Insurance with
Greenfield Savings Bank

Member Payments in 1968	42.16
Paid to Greenfield Savings Bank in 1968	\$ 28.56
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1968	<u>13.60</u>
Total	42.16

Franklin County School Employees'
Federal Credit Union

Member Payments in 1968	1,188.00
Paid to Credit Union in 1968	1,188.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR J. LIVINGSTON

Town Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

NAME	ON HAND Jan. 1, 1968	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	SECURITIES	INTEREST RECEIVED	INTEREST ADDED	TOTAL ON HAND 12-31-68
Edward D. Priest & Others, W. Northfield Cemetery Fund	\$7292.49	\$7292.49		\$355.49		\$7292.49
James W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund	2000.00	2000.00		97.50		2000.00
Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund	500.00	500.00		24.38 2.76 Sec.		500.00
Belcher Center School Fund	1050.00	1250.00		55.35 Sav. 25.00 Sec.		1250.00
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2000.00	1000.00	\$1000.00	48.75 Sav. 4.14 Sec.		2000.00
Belcher Library Fund	9439.01	9739.01		466.41 Sav.		9739.01
Belcher Library & School Fund Transferred to above School and Library Funds	500.00*					
Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund	1394.14	1394.14			\$63.61 Sav.	1457.75
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3000.00	3000.00		146.25		3000.00

Surplus Revenue School Fund	1600.00	1600.00	78.00	1600.00
C. P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3000.00	3000.00	146.25	3000.00
Mary Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund	500.00	500.00	24.38	500.00
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	12,117.34	2117.34	10,000.00	250.00 Sec. 98.48 Sav. 12,465.82
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund	500.00	500.00	24.38	500.00
Maude Montague Library Fund	2009.60	2009.60	42.10	2009.60
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	3129.62	3129.62**		102.11 Sav. 1867.59
Town of Northfield Real Estate Fund	1260.00	1260.00	61.43	1260.00
Northfield Chapter D.A.R. Library Fund	100.00	100.00	4.88	100.00
		10.00 added		
Marina Stanley Library Book Fund	530.00	530.00	26.00	540.00
TOTALS	\$51,922.20	\$40,932.20	\$11,000.00	\$514.20 \$51,082.26

*Bond Cashed and added to Savings Accounts.- Belcher Center School \$200.00
Belcher Library Fund 300.00

**Withdrawn for Library Expenses \$1364.14. Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR J. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CEMETERY		Samuel Pratt	25.00
Alice J. Bigelow	\$ 100.00	Larkin Fisher & Frank	
		& Lucy Rose	50.00
		Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY		Ashael Sawyer &	
		Alner Sawyer	100.00
Cecil Wilson	\$ 100.00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00	Rufus Stratton &	
George W. Snow	200.00	Oren D. Darling	150.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00	Elisha&Elihu Stratton	200.00
Pennock Fund	100.00	William H. Stratton	100.00
Cora B. Preston &		Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Samuel W. & William	
S. E. K. Priest	200.00	G. Stratton	100.00
George F. Witt	100.00	Leroy Wetherhead	75.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00	Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00	Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00	Herbert Dutton	100.00
Edna M. Kelley	150.00	Murray Hammond	100.00
Boyd Palmer	25.00	Nettie Gilbert	300.00
Vernon Playful	100.00	George H. Pratt	100.00
Hartley & Flora Bosworth	25.00	Lawrence A. Comins	100.00
Alice Dutton Yerrington	150.00		\$4101.69
LeRoy R. Barnes	100.00	MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY	
	\$2050.00	Henry F. Cutler	\$ 100.00
NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY		Lorimer Drury	100.00
		Horace F. Holton	100.00
James Browning &		Alice V. Watson	150.00
Robert Washer	\$ 100.00	Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00	Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Ada Chamberlain &		Lewis Hodus	200.00
Sarah Morgan	75.00	Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00	Joseph S. Costague	100.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00	Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00	Mary J.&Anna L.Miller	200.00
Elisa Graves	51.69	Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00
Brigham Gage &		Alice Mosse	100.00
David Clowes	100.00	S. Douglas & Ruth A.	
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00	Polhemus	10.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00	Jane E. Holton	100.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00	Claire H. & Alfred D.	
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00	Montague	100.00
James & William Merriman	100.00	Marjorie Prescott	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00	Julia Pierce,Edward	
Henry W. Montague	400.00	& Barbara Blake	100.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00	Jessie H. Hyde	100.00
		Julia Mary Stark	100.00
		William Eberhard	100.00
			\$2460.00

CENTER CEMETERY

Nelson & Nettie Spring	\$100.00	William R. Moody	\$100.00
Emma Holtnorth	100.00	Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
John F. Rice	100.00	Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	S. E. Walker	200.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00	M. Margaret Laird,	
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth	
John E. Nye	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	Hezekiah & Molly	
Augustus W. Holton	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Thomas Callender	50.00	Rufus & Asenath	
Johnson Fund	123.06	Stratton	80.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00	Sarah J. Whithead	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
Isaac Cook & Wright		Lewis Fowler	50.00
Stratton	100.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H.	
Levi Fay	150.00	Lyman	400.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
James Pickard	100.00	Benjamin Field &	
Augusta L. Day	100.00	Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Elijah Belding	125.00	Charles Osgood	500.00
James White	100.00	Louis Frederick	
Arad Webster &		Bartlett	100.00
William Billings	500.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Rose A. Holton	100.00
Elijah E. Belding	100.00	C. D. Merriam &	
A.M.D. Alexander	300.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Charles Alexander &		Cora B. Preston &	
Richard Colton	200.00	Asa Holton	100.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Frank & William Piper	100.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	L. C. Clapp Lot	100.00
Amos Shepardson &		Hachita Lot	440.00
Anna S. Preston	150.00	Samuel & Elijah	
Bessie Moore	100.00	Merriman	1760.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Mary V. H. Slade	125.00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00	Mrs. George Spofford	200.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Mary B. Rankin	100.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Daniel P. Sutherland	100.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	George N. Kidder	500.00
Dr. Stratton White &		Tie-Webster Lot	100.00
George & William		Louis M. Potts	200.00
Hastings	300.00	Frank & Jennie	
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00	Lombard	100.00
			<u>\$12638.06</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

On hand, January 1, 1968	\$ 20,949.75
On hand December 31, 1968	21,349.75

RECEIPTS OF INTEREST

South Mountain Cemetery	\$ 4.88
West Northfield Cemetery	97.09
Mount Hermon Cemetery	115.30
Northfield Farms Cemetery	198.38
Center Cemetery	616.10
	\$ 1,031.75

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR J. LIVINGSTON

Treasurer

REPORT OF PUBLIC NURSE

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service from January 1, 1968 through August 15, 1968.

The annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fort-nightly, experienced another successful year with 115 pints of blood donated. The Unitarian Church served lunch to the workers. Dr. A. B. True, Dr. M. Thompson, and Dr. C. Hartshorn were the attending physicians.

Through the Board of Health, Northfield conducted five successful immunization clinics for our townspeople - 508 persons received necessary immunizations. We are pleased to report that 90% of those attending were school children. I wish to thank the many persons who worked long hours on records and the actual clinics to make this project a success.

Home Visits	467
Office Visits	10
Visits to School	38
Clinics	6
Group Teaching	2
Meetings & Conferences	28
Not-Home Visits	6

Monthly meetings have been held with the Home Care Team of the Franklin County Public Hospital.

The Selectmen appointed the 1968 Nursing Service Advisory Board as follows: Mrs. Doris Snow, R.N., Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Leyden, Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mrs. Mildred Closson, Mrs. Helen Barber, and Mrs. Julia Quinn.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, Dr. Ansel B. True, the Advisory Board, and Mrs. Phyllis Whitney and the townspeople for their untiring efforts in Northfield's nursing program.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Stearns, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse from September 3, 1968 through December 31, 1968.

Mrs. Eileen Gorzocoski was on duty during the two week vacation period from August 15 thru August 31.

I attended five In-Service Educational programs dealing with respiratory diseases, communicable diseases and disease prevention; also, three Home Care Team meetings at Franklin County Public Hospital and a meeting in Bernardston by the Extension Service dealing with nutrition.

Home Visits	
Disease or Disability	132
Health Promotion	45
Office Visits	1
Not-Home Visits	2

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for their cooperation and help since I have been Public Health Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Babits, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The cases reported to the Board of Health in 1968 were:

Chicken Pox	8
Dog Bites	16
Mumps	41
Scarlet Fever	7
Strep Throat	3

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During the past year thirty-six dogs were picked up. Fourteen were returned to their owners, three were given away, seventeen were kept the required ten days and destroyed, and two had been hit by cars and were taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Young

Dog Officer

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public locations of existing fire hazards have been inspected for safety, either in public or private buildings. Some time was spent at the Northeast Utilities buildings and equipment at Northfield Farms. Recommendations were made where advisable. This was done to protect the citizens, as well as private and public property of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard E. Williams

Public Safety Inspector

REPORT OF SCHELL POOL COMMITTEE

Schell Pool was open from June 18th through August 31, 1968. During this time there were only five rainy days and two cool days that the pool was closed.

The total attendance for the summer was 1,815. There were 562 paid admissions. There were 16 individual \$2.50 passes and 26 \$5.00 family passes. The total receipts turned into the Town of Northfield were \$289.75.

The pool was closed on Mondays until July 22nd when, at the request of several parents and swimmers, it was kept open seven days a week. This accounts for some of the decrease in attendance.

The Town of Northfield paid \$812.34 to lifeguards. They also paid \$5.00 to Smead Lumber Company for new flash boards, \$90.00 to Bostley Sanitary Service, and \$5.71 to Johnson Hardware for a rake and a broom. The Town of Northfield also paid \$39.55 toward swimming lessons. The expenses were kept at a minimum because the sand was donated by Kelley's Sand and Gravel. The fine cooperation of the committee members also helped to keep the expenses at a minimum.

The lifeguards were Judith Bistrek and Gary Smolen.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Bistrek
Chairman

Schell Pool Committee

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Chapter 90 Construction Program for this year was confined to the Mount Hermon Road. Work to road was done by clearing of trees, straightened, leveled to grade, gravelled and surfaced. Shoulders were graded and loamed. Concrete box culvert was removed, and a metal culvert was put in its stead in order to widen road. This work was started at the Gill line, going north approximately six tenths of a mile.

The following improvements have been made on Chapter 81:

Thirteen roads, totaling 4.57 miles were resurfaced throughout the town.

Mine Rd.

Was graded, gravelled, surfaced, and posts installed for .07 mile.

Hamilton Drive

Culverts, leach basins were installed. Was graded, gravelled, and surfaced .15 of a mile.

Bennett Brook Rd.

Excavated road at heave areas and resurfaced.

So. Mountain Rd.

Culverts were installed. Grading and levelling of road to abolish hazardous blind area.

Orange Rd.

Portion of road widened, gravelled, and culverts installed to better drainage, and snow problems.

All roads throughout the town were mowed.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Cleaning of drains and shoulders, plus surface treatment on seven roads totaling 2.65 miles.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, and the townspeople for acquiring the new dump truck, replacing an older one, and for the new pick-up. This equipment has helped the Highway Dept. to do a better job for the town.

Thank you all for notifying this Dept. of dangerous or hazardous conditions on the roads.

I also wish to thank my men for doing a good job throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WEISSINGER

Superintendent of Streets

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation of books and magazines:	
Adult and Juvenile	27896
State Bookmobile	1827
Inter-library loan	22
Books borrowed for school use	95
Total	29840
Books in circulation:	
Added by purchase and gift	653
Withdrawn	559
Total number of books in circulation	16493
Books borrowed from State Bookmobile:	
Dickinson Library	943
Field Library	365
Books on loan to State Bookmobile	170
Total number of registrations	1069
Fines turned in to Town Treasurer	\$325.15

I wish to thank the many kind friends who have given books, magazines and jig-saw puzzles to the Library during the past year. The puzzles are well liked and circulate frequently.

In response to a state-wide appeal for books to replenish the Holyoke Community College Library which was destroyed by fire last January, this library gave 122 volumes and one set of Encyclopedia Britannica from its shelves.

Classes in the use of the card catalog were held in the Library during the months of April and May for pupils of Grade Six.

The annual sale of used books, withdrawn from circulation in the Children's Room, was held during the first week of May. New books for boys and girls were bought with the proceeds. No fines for overdue books were charged during that entire week.

During the Summer and Fall, classical and popular music records were borrowed from the State Bookmobile in an effort to widen the library services to our patrons.

Early in October, the Connecticut Valley Library Club held it's semi-annual meeting at Dickinson Library. Club members were graciously welcomed and served coffee by our Trustees.

Again this year, paperback books, picture magazines, and puzzles, withdrawn from circulation, were sent to Leeds Veterans Hospital for the use of the patients.

I thank the Trustees for their kind help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVANGELINE C. COOK

Librarian

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

The Dickinson Memorial Library provided the Northfield community with another year of increased services and improved facilities. Under the direction of the head librarian, Mrs. Evangeline Cook, a comprehensive and stimulating selection of books, magazines, and reference materials were purchased and classified for convenient use. A notable acquisition made possible by the library trust funds was a representative and popular volume of the work of artist N. C. Wyeth. Miss Ethel Jackson of Springfield, a native of Northfield, generously contributed a second volume of her work on the Stearns family dealing with their participation in the country's military history to supplement the earlier volume, which dealt with the men of the Stearns family who planned and built some of Northfield's finest houses over a century ago. Miss Jackson also donated to the Library's collection of memorabilia a remarkable china pitcher which was brought home after the Civil War by her grandfather, who had received it as a gift from runaway slaves whom he had assisted on their way to the North.

Mrs. Linda Cone, assistant librarian, resigned after three years' able and efficient service to further her education. The Library was fortunate to obtain as her replacement Mrs. Elizabeth Bell of Gill, who once previously served at the Library and is an experienced and capable librarian. Mrs. Linda Leavis has agreed to serve as substitute librarian whenever necessary.

On the Board of Trustees, Miss Elsie Scott has served as secretary and as a member of the book selection committee along with Mrs. Evelyn H. Parker, Mrs. Margaret L. Jones, and Mr. John C. Trumbull. It is with gratitude for his contributions as trustee that the Board regretfully received notification that his educational plans will not permit Mr. Trumbull to continue to serve. Mr. Luman A. Barber continued his inestimable counsel and care of the library building and its equipment. New carpeting made possible by the legacy of the late C. Ina Merriman of Northfield, a sometime librarian and for many years a trustee, has added to the appearance, quiet, and ease of maintenance of the children's and reading rooms of the Library.

The Trustees are grateful for the continuing interest in and support of the Library by the citizens of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Hawley, Chairman

Elsie Scott, Secretary

NORTHERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

To: Board of Selectmen, Northfield
From: L. R. Stark, Director, Northern Franklin Welfare Service Office, Bernardston
Subject: Report for the Board of Public Welfare of Northfield for the year 1968

Public Assistance was administered by the Northern Franklin Welfare District in Bernardston for the first six months of 1968, with all welfare payments for Northfield originally being paid by the Town and later reimbursed in a substantial amount by the State and Federal government. At the end of June there were 22 persons receiving Old Age Assistance, six persons receiving Disability Assistance, five families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children, seven families receiving General Relief, and 100 persons or families receiving Medical Assistance (Medicaid). Total payments for the six months period were about \$70,000 of which about \$50,000 was paid to medical vendors. Additional medical bills for the period prior to July 1 were being paid throughout the remainder of the year amounting to \$12,000 and a few more such bills may be expected in 1969.

Local Boards of Public Welfare were abolished by Statute and on July 1, 1968 the State Department of Public Welfare assumed direct administration of all Public Welfare programs. Welfare services for Northfield are continuing to be administered from the Northern Franklin Welfare Service Office in Bernardston.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1968.

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

1. Active Service Problems	22
2. Bonus	632
3. Compensation	92
4. Death Benefits	286
5. Discharges	149
6. Education	87
7. Employment	204
8. Finance	644
9. Housing	29
10. Insurance	122
11. Legal	136
12. Loans	99
13. Medical	455
14. Notarizations	50
15. Pension	616
16. Photostats	7906
17. Recordings	139
18. Selective Service	48
19. Social Security	110
20. Taxes	367
21. Veterans Benefits	6586
22. Vital Statistics	281
23. Unclassified	437
Total Contacts	19497

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities comprising the district.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to one family during the year 1968. This was a temporary type of case which was terminated when other benefits were available to the veteran from a Federal agency. Gross expenditures for the year amounted to \$360.27 and it is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the amount of \$180.13 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

By Homer L. Gamelin
Director of Veterans' Services
and Veterans' Agent

Annual Report

of the

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Organization for year 1968

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Bolton, Chairman	Term expires 1971
Wallace Stange, Secretary	Term expires 1970
Frank J. Rockwell	Term expires 1969

Meeting of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kenneth H. Sheetz

Juniata College - B.S. in Education, History and English
Bucknell University-M.S. in Administration and Supervision
Boston University - Course work completed for Ed. D.
Office - Pioneer Valley Regional School - Tel. 498-2757

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer

University of Wisconsin - B.A. in English and French

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Madelyn J. Page

Mrs. Helen Mahoney

Office Hours

School Days - 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

School Vacations 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ansel B. True, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Pauline E. Abar, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools open January 2, 1969	Close February 14, 1969
Schools open February 24, 1969	Close April 18, 1969
Schools open April 28, 1969	Close June 13, 1969
Schools open September 3, 1969	Close November 26, 1969
Schools open December 1, 1969	Close December 23, 1969
Schools open January 5, 1970	Close February 20, 1970

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Northfield Elementary School Committee held their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday with the following organization of members: Elizabeth Bolton, chairman; Wallace Stange, secretary; and Frank Rockwell, representative to PVRs. Following the recommendations of Supt. Kenneth Sheetz and Principal Richard Skinner, educational improvements have been authorized as well as necessary upkeep and improvements of both school buildings and the grounds. New tile flooring was laid in the hall and boys' basement in the south building, and in the halls and stairways of the north building - a measure undertaken to minimize the danger of accidents on the old and worn stairs.

Following the resignation of Mrs. Norma Stearns as school nurse in April, the services of the Greenfield Visiting Nurse Association were used for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Pauline Abar was hired in September as part-time school nurse.

The vacancies caused by the resignations of Mrs. Judith Miles and Mrs. Allison Kaufhold during the summer were filled by Mr. Joseph Ruckman and Mrs. Elizabeth Newton. Mr. James McBride, new band director of PVRs, continues with our instrumental program as in the past.

The six-week summer reading program was considered very successful and with the Special Class set up in Gill to serve Union #18, were educational advances which had been in the discussion period for several years and were finally realized this year. Permission was granted by the selectmen for after-school use of the town hall to carry on a basket ball program under the direction of Mr. Edmund Weston.

We now have seven students from town attending vocational schools: four at Greenfield, one at Smith Agricultural, one at McCann and one at Brattleboro, Vt.

The committee is glad to have had the fine cooperation and services of Supt. Sheetz, Principal Skinner, a competent staff of teachers as well as custodians, cafeteria workers, nurse and doctor who are constantly striving to educate your children to become better and more responsible citizens in the future.

Elizabeth Bolton, Chairman
Wallace Stange, Secretary
Frank Rockwell, Rep. to PVRs

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

We are pleased to report that 1968 saw the adoption of a fine new reading program in the elementary schools of Union #18, following a Summer Reading School in every elementary building of our five towns, which proved to be of great value.

Not only were we able to double our art program, but to improve our music program as well and provide greater service from our reading specialist. And our physical education program gets even stronger.

We also established the first Special Class in Union #18, where a low pupil-teacher ratio enables the specially trained teacher to give more individual help in those areas where pupils most require it.

We are happy that we have been able to carry this educational philosophy over into our other class work as well and provide an individualized approach to education wherein each pupil progresses at his or her own rate of speed in each subject beginning with reading, mathematics, and science.

We have also adopted new budgeting procedures using a priority-needs system.

We have been able to establish a stability and strength to our faculty and staff which has resulted in a low turn over of personnel.

You have a fine principal, excellent teachers and staff and they deserve your enthusiastic support. They are, without exception, loyal and hard working people.

Probably you have seen the physical improvements to our school plant. If you have not, please stop by and inspect them.

Currently we are exploring additional ways of making the transition from grade to grade an easier one for our pupils, and studying other areas of our curriculum for further improvements.

On behalf of Barbara Enman Sheetz, Jefferson Leyden Sheetz and myself, I wish to thank you for the many kindnesses and courtesies you have extended to us in the two years we have been in beautiful Franklin County. We have been happy in our associations with you.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Kenneth H. Sheetz

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Northfield Elementary School

Richard E. Skinner	Principal	Boston State College, B.S. M.A. Ed.
Madeline A. Smithers	Kindergarten	Boston University, B.A. Hartford Seminary Foundation, M.A.
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal School
Dorothea B. Thomas	Grade 1	Keene Teachers College
Barbara F. Doolittle	Grade 2	Pembroke College, B.A.
Ruby North	Grade 2	Bay Path Institute Fitchburg Normal School
Ruth Stebbins	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers College, B.S.
Marion Wahlstrom	Grade 3	Framingham State Teachers College, B.S.
Elizabeth C. Newton	Grade 4	Castleton Normal School
Catherine Sheldon	Grade 4	Fitchburg Normal School
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	N. Adams State Teachers College B.S.E.
Jessie Glabach	Grade 5	North Adams Normal School
Edmund F. Weston	Grade 6 Ass't Principal	Keene State Teachers College, B.Ed.
Joseph D. Ruckman	Grade 6	University of Massachusetts, B.A.
Ann P. James	Secretary to Principal	
August C. Mello	Art Supervisor	Mass. College of Art, B.S., M.A.

Joan C. Martin	Music Supervisor	Berkshire Christian College, B.A.
James W. McBride	Instrumental Music Director	University of Rochester, A.B. Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, B.D. Hartford Seminary, M.A.
Elizabeth Schumaker	Physical Education Supervisor	Westbrook Jr. College, A.A. Sargent College, B.S.
Jeanette P. Curry	Reading Specialist	Springfield College, B.S. Harvard University, Ed.M.

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Mr. Harold Johnson Mr. Norman Holloway Mr. Alwin Holloway

SCHOOL LUNCH

Mrs. Esther Clough Mrs. Mildred Aldrich Mrs. Agnes Caron

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT TOWN OF NORTHFIELD December 31, 1968

	Approp. 1968	Expended 1968	Budget 1969
1000 Administration	6,748.00	5,936.97	7,538.00
2000 Instruction	119,662.45	118,923.10	128,555.00
3000 Other Services	25,200.00	25,152.70	25,300.00
4000 Operation and Maintenance	21,650.00	21,775.21	22,600.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	800.00	762.83	800.00
9000 Programs with Other Schools	7,400.00	7,523.57	9,400.00
Totals	\$181,460.45	\$180,074.38	\$194,193.00

NET COST OF SCHOOLS - 1968

Expenditures (Elementary School)	\$180,074.38	
Expenditures(Northfield's share PVRs)	216,733.66	
Total expenditures		\$396,808.04

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
reimbursements paid to the Town
of Northfield:

Chapter 70	66,931.69
Vocational tuition and trans.	791.66
Transportation	12,521.37
Interest, Surplus Fund	78.00
Special Education	445.40
	<u>\$ 80,768.22</u>

Reimbursements paid to PVRs

Northfield's share	33,512.43	
Total reimbursements		<u>114,280.65</u>

Net cost of education		\$282,527.39
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STATE AID AND NET COST OF EDUCATION

Year	Total Costs	Reimburse- ments	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per Pupil
1959	188,590.69	75,055.69	39.7	113,535.13	538	211.03
1960	204,678.46	76,081.24	37.1	128,597.12	550	233.81
1961	212,576.00	73,705.19	34.7	138,870.87	545	254.81
1962	233,965.23	75,719.14	32.4	158,246.09	582	271.90
1963	260,551.97	78,528.80	30.1	182,023.17	601	302.86
1964	278,088.76	85,656.90	30.8	192,431.86	616	312.49
1965	300,302.65	90,851.57	30.2	209,451.08	606	345.62
1966	320,726.79	85,893.18	26.7	234,833.61	624	376.33
1967	352,174.31	112,251.58	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	618	457.16

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH
1968

Net worth January 1, 1968		\$2,356.14
Opening cash balance	\$869.03	
Receipts:		
Sales to children	\$8,337.00	
Sale of milk	303.83	
Sales to adults	655.20	
U.S.D.A. Claims recd.	4,818.30	
Other	149.78	
Total receipts	14,264.11	
Available cash	15,133.14	
Disbursements:		
Food	7,002.31	
Labor	5,937.25	
Other	1,632.31	
Total Disbursements	14,571.87	
Closing cash balance	561.27	
Closing cash balance	561.27	
Inventory	150.82	
U.S.D.A. Claims	784.14	
Net worth December 31, 1968		\$1,496.23

CENSUS REPORT
October 1, 1968

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	78	79	157
Between ages 5 and 7	38	34	72
Between ages 7 and 14	187	178	365
Between ages 14 and 16	54	63	117
Totals	357	354	711

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES, OCTOBER 1, 1968

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Boys	18	21	23	31	25	27	20	165
Girls	19	19	23	22	30	25	22	160
Totals	37	40	46	53	55	52	42	325

RESIDENT ENROLLMENT

	Boys	Girls	Total
Pioneer Valley Reg. School	148	145	293
Northfield School for Girls		23	23
Mount Hermon	10		10
Greenfield Special class	1		1
Clarke School		1	1
Austine School		1	1
Bement School	1		1
Devereaux School, Penn.	1		1
Hinkley School	1		1
Greenfield Vocational School	6		6
Maria Assumpta		1	1
Northampton School for Girls		1	1
Brattleboro Vocational School	1		1
Smith Vocational School	1		1
Pittsfield School for Girls		1	1
Franklin Co. Community Action		1	1
Eaglebrook	1		1
Gill Special Class	1	1	2
Woods School, Penn.	1		1
Meeting School, Ringe, N.H.	2	1	3
Rumsey Hall, Conn.	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	177	176	353

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

I herein submit my second annual report for the Northfield Elementary School.

This year has seen several staff changes. In September, Mr. Joseph Ruckman was appointed Science Teacher in grade 6 in the departmentalized program. Mrs. Elizabeth Newton was appointed Grade 4 Teacher.

Also new this fall were Mr. James McBride, Director of Instrumental Music, and Mrs. Pauline Abar, School Nurse.

Our enrollment this year has shown an increase over last year. Actual figures indicate an increase of fifteen children, which makes the present enrollment 331.

This year has seen the effective adoption of a departmentalized program at grade 5 and 6 level in science, social studies, arithmetic, and language.

A new phonics-oriented reading program has been introduced in grades 1 through 6 to improve the present reading program.

The instrumental music program has been expanded to include a band composed of sixth grade students.

A fully coordinated after-school sports program has been developed. Mr. Ruckman coaches "tag" football in the fall, while Mr. Weston coaches boys' and girls' basketball in the winter, as well as baseball in the spring.

Presently, a group of teachers in the Union are evaluating our spelling and social studies programs on all levels in an effort to more adequately meet individual needs.

We are pleased that parent-teacher cooperation is so excellent at our school. The P.T.A. has contributed to our school program through the use of volunteer mothers serving as librarians on a part-time basis, and volunteer playground aides.

An open invitation is extended to all parents to visit school, not only during Open House in American Education Week, but throughout the year.

A Book Fair was held in November, and was adjudged a complete success.

I wish to thank the parents for their cooperation and assistance, the teachers for their dedication and competence, the School Committee for their support, patience, and wisdom, and Mr. Sheetz for his excellent leadership and valuable guidance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Skinner

Principal

REPORT OF VOCAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

All grades have been learning to feel rhythm and to hear and sing melodies accurately before beginning to read or write musical notation. They have been learning rhythm patterns through movement and rhythmic speech. They are also learning to recognize and sing intervals between notes by Kodaly hand signals before transferring them to the musical staff.

The upper grades are also studying the basic materials of music (melody, harmony, form, etc.) through listening to a variety of music. Starting with the premise that music is the art of organized sound, they are presented with materials and procedures to develop their understanding of the ways sounds can be organized and their awareness of musical style.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Martin
Vocal Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

My responsibility for the program in the Elementary Schools started in September with a good enrollment as follows:

Northfield	5th grade	23	6th grade	18
Bernardston	5th grade	18	6th grade	18
Warwick	4th, 5th, and 6th grades			13
Leyden	5th and 6th grades			11

for a total of 101.

The Elementary School instrumental groups had the experience of marching during the Fall. They were able to improve their sense of rhythm and learn to coordinate their playing skills with the marching band. They performed at PTA functions and paraded on Halloween in the various areas. They presented Christmas programs in the schools and accompanied caroling by the pupils.

A Bass Drum was salvaged at the Bernardston School by Mr. Tooley and renovated. Two new heads were put on and this gives us a Bass Drum at the Northfield and Bernardston Schools. This will aid the marching program next year. Plans are also being formulated to bring all the Elementary School instrumental groups together to share their musical talents in a combined effort.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. McBride

Director of Instrumental Music

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

I submit herewith my seventh annual report as Union Elementary Art Supervisor.

It is with pleasure that I report the expansion of the elementary art program. The Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee hired an instructor to assume all of the duties in teaching art at Pioneer Valley Regional School, thus allowing me to devote my time to the elementary schools. Because of this change I have been able to schedule a weekly visit to each elementary class in the union.

With more time to devote to each class, I am planning a more elaborate art program. The students are being introduced to working with self-hardening clay, mosaics, block printing and wood carving, to mention a few. My ability to follow through with these lessons has resulted in higher quality work from the students and better rapport with classroom teachers.

My thanks to the Superintendent of Schools and to Pioneer Valley Regional School and Union #18 School Committees. Their cooperative efforts have made this expansion of the art program possible.

Respectfully submitted,

August C. Mello

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

The physical education program is progressing and new activities will be introduced each year in hopes of keeping the children abreast of current trends.

Each child has been tested for physical fitness and Northfield pupils norms are low average. This has given me many clues regarding what areas of activities need to be stressed.

I am happy to report that Miss Smithers and I, at her request, are working together on a reading readiness program for kindergarten. This is a very exciting program for both the children and us and we are most anxious to make it a success.

My thanks to the administration, staff and school committee for their part in helping to make the program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth J. Schumaker
Physical Education Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

Audiometer testing was completed in February. Thirteen students were found to need attention for hearing problems.

During Dental Week, films were shown to the students and classroom talks were given.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Stearns, R.N.
School Nurse, January 1, 1968-
March 31, 1968

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

In September all students were weighed and measured. Dental cards were sent out to 331 students, 131 have been returned.

In October Miss Ely held a dental clinic. All children had their teeth examined and 24 referrals were sent out.

In November Dr. True gave physicals to Grades 2 and 5 and all new students. In all 130 students were examined with 27 referrals. Follow-ups are being done to correct the physical defects. Flu vaccine was administered to faculty members desiring it, in November with boosters given in December.

In December Audiometer screening was completed. 26 referrals were sent out.

My sincere thanks to all school personnel for their constant co-operation in making it possible to accomplish so much in such a short period of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline E. Abar, R.N.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

During the month of November I examined one hundred and thirty students of grades two and five and new students to the school. Most of the kindergarten pupils had been examined at the pre-school clinic in May.

During the fall, influenza vaccine was given to all members of the faculty and staff who wanted it.

In May, 1969 I will conduct a pre-school clinic for children enrolling for the school year 1969-70.

Respectfully submitted,
Ansel B. True, M.D.

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY READING SPECIALIST

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

Under a federally-funded program designed to encourage and interest children who are reading below expectation, I have visited each of the six elementary schools in Massachusetts School Union #18 twice a week since September. During these visits I meet with a total of fifty children twice a week, either individually or in small groups.

With fifty children, there are fifty causes of reading disability, and fifty cures. As a result, my methods vary according to the child and the situation; praise and encouragement is at all times woven into the teaching of basic word-attack skills.

To the federal program's aims of inspiration and encouragement, Union #18 has added the teaching of basic reading skills. Techniques are taught starting at the ability and proficiency level of each child, without regard to a mythical grade-level. Teaching is carried on without pressure, tension or frustration, asking no more than the child is capable of at that point.

I feel the program is progressing well, and that the stated aims are being fulfilled. We do not expect to produce fifty proficient readers; we expect to produce fifty happier, less frustrated children, each with a heightened self-esteem. This is the groundwork for progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Curry

Elementary Reading Specialist

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

School Committee

Mr. William E. Field, Jr. Chairman	Bernardston
Mr. Emerson Maynard, Vice Chairman	Warwick
Mrs. Carolyn Parenteau, Secretary	Northfield
Mr. Russell L. Deane	Bernardston
Mr. Thomas Nettles	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Margaret Metelica	Leyden
Mr. Charles W. Llewelyn*	Northfield
Mrs. Marion Zimmerman	Leyden
Mr. Frank J. Rockwell	Northfield
Mr. Charles A. Morse*	Warwick
Mrs. Rose Zellmer	Warwick
Mr. Howard A. King	Treasurer

*denotes past chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee and the Citizens of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick:

It is with a sense of accomplishment that I submit my second annual report as your Superintendent.

The year 1968 saw the installation of our long-needed language laboratory, the addition of Spanish to our curriculum, and the extension of our French program, yet retention of Latin as a part of our language offerings.

We also improved and expanded our Adult Evening School and Adult Evening Practical Arts classes.

We permitted post-graduate students to return to school for courses necessary for college (algebra, chemistry, geometry, and drafting) and welcomed veterans wishing to complete their high school education.

We adopted a new evaluation procedure wherein teachers self-evaluation is 10% of the process, the superintendent 20%, the principal 30% and the department heads 40%. The most important question in education is what do teachers teach and how well do they teach. The development of a check list of our own,

following the study of others, has been of great help to the evaluators.

We have set up new budgeting procedures using a priority type system.

We were able to employ a full-time reading specialist for high school pupils, using federal financing (one of sixteen projects approved last year in this union, governmental monies received exceeded the combined salaries of your superintendent and his assistant.)

We were able to expand our art and music programs and also add two more English teachers to reduce pupil-teacher ratios and improve instruction.

The addition of a second full-time guidance counselor and the extension of the guidance secretary to full-time employment was also a major step forward. For the first time in the history of the school the library is open full time.

We have begun to establish a stability and strength to our faculty and a lower turn-over rate, yet have not hesitated to let go teachers who were not at least above average.

We now look forward to the further development of our curriculum which can take place only when additional rooms are provided to the building, so that our programs can be expanded, the number of courses increased, and pupil-teacher loads reduced in all subject matter areas. We also recommend the appointment of a full time Assistant Principal and a full-time librarian.

Respectfully and sincerely,

KENNETH H. SHEETZ

Supt. of Schools

CHANGES IN TEACHING PERSONNEL

Withdrawals

George M. Leonard	July 1968
Russell Blinn	November 1968
Charles Bradshaw	June 1968
Karen Clark	June 1968
Patricia Conroy	June 1968
John A. Peters (Sabbatical)	June 1968
Robert Ruplenas	October 1968
Paul Sprague	June 1968
Marta T. Sobol	June 1968
Barbara Stewart	June 1968
Douglas Weeks	June 1968
Thelma Yeager	August 1968

Appointments

William K. Decker	August 1968
Russell Blinn	September 1968
Virginia Busha	November 1968
Roxanne P. Campbell	October 1968
William Herbiech	September 1968
Doris Hutchinson	September 1968
Caroline Korzun	September 1968
Patricia Matson	September 1968
James McBride	September 1968
Bennet Nicholson	September 1968
Carlton Peabody	September 1968
Virginia Peterson	September 1968
Alan Rogers	September 1968
Robert Ruplenas	September 1968
Mary Ann Trudeau	September 1968
Anne D. Van Tine	September 1968

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL -- 1968

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my first annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School. However, my four short months here will only reflect a portion of this 1968 report.

I find myself presently in the most challenging position of my life. I feel most fortunate in being Pioneer Valley Regional School's new principal and will unceasingly and untiringly strive to continue to mold Pioneer into the kind of school of which everyone will be proud to say they are a part.

Our loss of our head custodian, Ning Der, this fall was a tragic set-back for all who knew and loved him. The following is a short memorial in his honor:

In Memorium

Ning Der

A man who was dedicated in his work, in his school, and in his love for people. He was a person who was enthusiastic about school activities and who showed great support for Pioneer. He worked hard and had great pride in this building and its appearance. He is gone but not forgotten.

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Enrollment

Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 605 students. This is an increase of 38 over the December 1, 1967 annual report figure of 567. Because of the steady increase in enrollment figures over the years, our need for more classroom space continues to become more critical. At the present time we are holding classes in both the auditorium and cafeteria.

The class enrollments as of December 1, 1968 were as follows:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grade 7	56	51	107
Grade 8	54	45	99
Grade 9	52	57	109
Grade 10	48	48	96
Grade 11	37	46	83
Grade 12	41	56	97
Post Graduate	4		4
Totals:	292	303	595

The enrollments by towns on December 1, 1968 were:

Bernardston	185
Leyden	47
Northfield	285 + 4 Post graduates
Warwick	39
Gill	31
Tuition	4

Curriculum

Several important changes were made in our curriculum this year. We now have a full time Remedial Reading Program in operation. This program's aim is to raise the reading grade level of those Junior High School Students who are in need of this assistance. Because of various factors, we have been able only to reach all seventh graders who have tested below reading grade level and a few eighth graders who have been recommended. We have added Spanish I to our curriculum and will add Spanish II next fall. Our language program has been greatly assisted with the addition of our Language Laboratory and new texts. We also plan to add Latin III to our curriculum next year to follow up our Latin II course. We must also add to our curriculum next year three courses which were not offered this year - World Geography, Economics, Business Law. Because of increased enrollment, we had to cut back all Industrial Arts courses to one period per day.

The present enrollment in the high school subjects is as follows:

English 9	109	General Math 9	20
English 10	96	Refresher Math 12	16
English 11	83	Industrial Arts 9	24
English 12	97	Industrial Arts 10	11
Speech	109	Industrial Arts 11	11
Speech 10	96	Industrial Arts 12	11

Latin I	26	Drafting	14
Latin II	18	Senior Glee Club	57
French I	52	Senior Band	42
French II	29	Music Appreciation	3
French III	9	Art	43
Spanish I	46	Homemaking 9	31
General Science	73	Homemaking 10	30
Biology	96	Homemaking 11	13
Chemistry	42	Homemaking 12	38
Physics	20	Typing I	96
Physical Science	11	Typing II	34
Government	49	Office Practice	30
World History	64	Bookkeeping I	42
U. S. History	83	Bookkeeping II	21
Prob. of Democracy	97	Shorthand I	29
Algebra I	83	Shorthand II	21
Algebra II	37	Phys. Ed. (Boys)	All
Geometry	50	Phys. Ed. (Girls)	All
Advanced Math	21	Driver Education	39
Adv. Placement Math	11		
Business Math	34		

Extra Curricular Program

The extra curricular program offered to students is very important. Colleges use participation in these activities as one of the determining factors in college admissions. These activities also build student morale and add much to the general interest of the student body. We believe we have a very fine program of extra curricular activities at P.V.R.S.

The sports program is considered part of the extra curriculum. During the past years our sports program has improved considerably. Plans call for a more comparable type of program with that of schools with whom we compete. The improvement in our sports program was never more evident than during the past football season when our team had its first championship and a season's record of 7 & 1. This is a tribute to all school personnel responsible for the program, to a fine group of boys and to our coaching staff, especially Mr. Charles Welner.

The Western Massachusetts Cross Country Champion this year was Robert Williams of Pioneer.

Our girls teams continue to be outstanding in every sport

as they have been for the past several years.

We plan to add field hockey to our girls' program next fall.

We are most appreciative of the efforts and dedication of all our faculty members who provide the leadership and determination on behalf of our students.

Commencement Program

The Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1968 was conducted on Sunday, June 2, with a capacity audience in attendance. The message to the seniors was presented by the Rev. Jack E Sanders, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield. His message was both inspiring and thought-provoking. He was assisted in the program by Rev. Philip N. Nelson and Rev. Frank Wahlstrom.

The Graduation was held on Friday, June 7 at 8:00 P.M. in the gymnasium for 80 seniors. The featured address was by Dean William F. Field of the University of Massachusetts. The program follows:

Processional: "God of Our Fathers"	Class of 1968
Pledge of Allegiance	Audience
Invocation	The Rev. Ahurus Jackson
Welcome	Thad Ostrowski, Pres., Class of 1968
Honor Essay	Donna Campbell
Songs	Chorus
	"Graduation Day" arr. H. Ross
	"Exodus" Gold - Boone
Address	Dean William F. Field Dean of Students, University of Mass.
Special Awards	George M. Leonard, Prin.
Gift of the Class of 1968	Thad Ostrowski
Awarding of Diplomas	Kenneth H. Sheetz, Supt.
Class Song	
Benediction	The Rev. Thomas P. McLaughlin
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance" Class of 1968

The class officers and class roll were as follows:

President	Thad Ostrowski
Vice President	Richard Schepp
Secretary	Donna Campbell
Treasurer	Karen Raymond

*Alan Raymond Ainsworth
Gail Shirleyanne Alves
Elizabeth Mary Baker

*Lynda Lee Barber
William Leonard Barnes
Caryn Nancy Black
Paul Douglas Bolton
Cecile Mary Bonnett
Nancy Lee Bradley
Carolyn Brassor
Donald Arthur Brown
Samuel Jacob Browning
Edward Alan Bunevick
Susan Margaret Callahan

*Donna Marie Campbell
Thomas Lee Caron
Joseph Harold Carroll
David Joseph Chula
Kit Raymond Clark
Jerald Peter Clough
William Garry Clough
Joyce Elizabeth Davis
Cynthia Jean Day

*Kathleen Susan Denison
Dale Allen Delano
Don Allen Dobias
Norma Jean Drew
Timothy Frederick Donaldson
Douglas Arnold Edson
Gregory Jon Fellows
Linda Lee Fisher
Geraldine Marie Fritz
Sheila Ann Gamache
Francis Alan Gibson
Leslie Ann Gibson
Michael John Hanrahan
Maureen Ellen Hickey
Julia Lynn Hine
Kathleen Ann Huber
Constance Kazanowski

Donald Ernest Knapp
Martin William Livingstone
Camilla Jean Mayberry
Sue Elaine Maynard
Nancy Jane Menne
Karl August Merz
Jane Ellen Newhall
Margaret Emily Newton
Phoebe Payne Nicholson
Elaine Elizabeth Noga
*Thaddeus Mark Ostrowski
Ellen Ruth Parody
Jon Wendell Persons
Robertta Lou Potter
Christine Mary Powers
John Andrew Putala
Paul Richard Putnam
Jeanette Mae Raymond
Karen Mae Raymond
Joyce Ellen Roberts
Bruce Elliott Rogers
Peter Nicholas Ryan
Richard Alan Schepp
Richard George Shepardson
Beatrice Elizabeth St.Clair
Linda Darlene St. John
Carolyn Eleanor Stange
Daniel Robert Stevens
Susan Ellen Stinchfield
Esther Ruth Sullivan
Michael Vincent Svetaka
*Gregory David Szulborski
James Scott Thompson
Lorraine Cassi Tie
Allan Richard Tubbs
Gail Lynne Tyler
*Marie Agnes Wickey
Gregory Harold Williams
Janet Ruth Williams
Kathryn Jane Wood

*Member of National Honor Society

Chosen Careers

The Class of 1968 has made plans for the future as follows:

4 year College	15	Post Graduate	4
3 Year Nursing School	1	Work	17
Community College	18	Service	8
Junior College	4	Marriage	3
Vocational Schools	4	Undecided	5
Short term Schools	1		

Awards and Scholarships

Emily C. Jenness Awards (Bernardston)

Character - Karen Raymond

English - Donna Campbell

Isaac B. Snow (Two highest ranking students from Bernardston)

Highest Scholastic Standing - Greg Szulborski

2nd Highest - Thad Ostrowski

George A. Warner - Norma Drew

Special Athletic Awards

Thad Ostrowski

Linda St. John

Warwick Community Scholarship - Sue Maynard

DAR Award - Karen Raymond

Bausch & Lomb Award - Karen Raymond

Leyden P.T.A. Scholarship Award - Alan Ainsworth

Northfield Kiwanis Scholarships - Linda Fisher & Janet Williams

Pioneer Valley Regional School P.T.A. Scholarships

Alan Ainsworth

Karen Raymond

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Association Scholarships

Lynda Barber

Kathleen Denison

Bernardston Men's Club Scholarship - Esther Sullivan

Bernardston P.T.A. Scholarship - Kathleen Denison

Student Council Scholarship - Esther Sullivan

Bernardston Kiwanis Scholarship - Karen Raymond

Evelyn G. Lawley Award - Donald Knapp

Northfield Elementary P.T.A. Scholarship

David Chula

Janet Williams

Northfield Fire Dept. Scholarship - Linda Fisher

John Philip Sousa Award - David Chula

Recorder Gazette Teen Scene Award - Phoebe Nicholson

Readers Digest Award - Alan Ainsworth

In Conclusion

It has been most gratifying to have had the cooperation, support and friendship of our Superintendent, members of the school committee, teachers, students, other school personnel, and the parents and citizens of our fine towns during my early months as Pioneer's new principal. I could never have accomplished the aims and ambitions of my office without the professional teamwork of all these people. As a newcomer I can not begin to tell you how rewarding it has been to have had this extremely gratifying cooperation. I will strive always to keep this teamwork uppermost on the list of accomplishments, because I believe strongly that if there is no teamwork, there is no success. I will endeavor to keep open all lines of communication and guide, direct and recommend programs and policies which will be in the best interests of all. The ultimate aim, of course, is to continue the work started by Mr. Leonard in building Pioneer into the finest educational system possible.

My sincere thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM K. DECKER
Principal

Report of School Funds
Student Funds

Balances on hand January 1, 1969

General Fund	\$ 17.68
Student Council	1,251.64
Faculty	25.00
Class of 1969	2,759.28
Class of 1970	976.33
Class of 1971	547.43
Class of 1972	297.50
Class of 1973	101.56
Band	213.83
Yearbook	934.51
Glee Club (deficit)	54.04
Cheerleaders (deficit)	119.25
National Honor Society	35.84
Gym Club	64.42
French Club	87.29
Public Relations	64.79
Future Teachers of America	10.40
Chess Club	30.00
Future Homemakers of America	28.31
Drama Club	16.27
Library	124.21
Latin Club	13.05
Varsity Club	46.26
Pep Club	102.88
Athletic Fund (Special)	488.30

Athletic Account -- 1968

Balance on hand January 1, 1968 \$573.12

Receipts:

Admissions to basketball games	1,752.69
Admissions to football games	1,669.45
Transportation fees	219.80
Small School tournament	7.78

Total receipts: 3,649.72

Total cash:

\$4,222.84

Disbursements:

Transportation:	
Chapin & Sadler	822.20
Eugene Miller	704.71
Quentin Weaver	1,372.85
Glenn Matthews	138.80
Darwin Scott	322.40

Police:

John Ware	118.50
William Young	18.00
Niles Stone	27.00
Clesson Field	9.00
Joseph Morgan	33.00
Stanley Wickey	28.50
Gerald Hicks	9.00
	\$243.00

Printing, league expenses
and meetings, team expenses
at State meets

		\$394.26
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Total Disbursements: \$3,998.22

Balance on hand January 1, 1969 \$224.62

Special Funds - Class Gifts

Class of 1965	\$125.42
Class of 1966	239.92
Class of 1967	115.19
Class of 1968	425.93

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL FACULTY

Mr. William K. Decker	Principal	Center College, B.A. Columbia University, M.A.
Mr. John T. Callahan	Ass't. Prin. Chem., Science	Keene State College, B.Ed. Boston University, M.Ed.
Mrs. Margrette M. Bassett	Office Practice Shorthand	Greensboro College for Women, B.A.
Miss Virginia I. Busha	English Literature	University of Mass., B.A.
Mrs. Roxanne P. Campbell	Physics, Science	University of Mass., B.S.
Mr. H. Nelson Dyer	Math, Algebra	University of Mass., B.S., Ch.E.
Mr. Roger W. O. Genest	English	Keene State College, B.E.
Mr. William R. Giles	Biology	Olivet College, B.A.
Mrs. Helen B. Gorzocoski	Math	University of Mass., B.A.
Mrs. Beryle Hammond	Home Economics	University of N. H., B.S.
Mr. William G. Herdiech	History Problems of Dem.	Colby College, B.A. Trinity College, M.A.
Mr. John A. Hogan	Math, Shop	N. Adams State College, B.S.E.

Mrs. Lois A. Humphrey	Physical Ed.	Sargent College, B.U., B.S.
Mrs. Doris Hutchinson	Latin, English	Houghton College, B.A.
Miss Caroline Korzun	Rem. Reading	University of Miami, B.E. University of Mass., M.Ed.
Mr. Thomas K. Krehbiel	Math, Spanish	Union College, B.S.
Mr. Richard W. Lawson	Science	University of Mass., B.S.
Mrs. Sylvia S. Liebenow	English	Middlebury College, B.A.
Mr. Richard J. Martin	Typing	Husson College, B.S.
Miss Patricia J. Matson	Art	Mt. Holyoke College, B.A. University of Iowa, M.A.
Mr. William S. Messer	Director of Athletics Government	Springfield College, B.S.
Mrs. Nancy Moore	Speech, Lib.	Cedarville College, B.A. Central State College, B.S.
Mr. Bennet Nicholson	English	Keene State College, B.Ed.
Mr. Carlton E. Peabody	Phys. Ed. Science	University of Mass., B.S.

Mrs. Virginia G. Peterson	Home Economics Government	University of Mass., B.S.
Mr. Ernest P. Pike	Guidance Director	Fitchburg State Teachers College, BSE, ME.
Mr. Alan Rogers	Guidance Coun.	Marlboro College, B.A. Keene State College, M.Ed.
Mr. Robert L. Stevens	Social Studies	Keene State College, B.A.
Miss Mary Ann Trudeau	English, Lit.	N. Adams State College, A.B.
Mr. John C. Trumbull	Social Studies	University of Mass., B.A., M.Ed.
Mrs. Betty J. Turner	Vocal Music	Lynchburg College, A.B.
Mrs. Anne D. Van Tine	French, History	Northern Illinois U., B.A.
Mr. Linwood R. Wallace	Industrial Arts	Gorham State Teachers College, B.S.
Mr. Charles E. Welner	Math, Algebra, Geometry	University of Maine, B.S. University of N. H., M.S.T.
Mrs. Ruth M. Young	Bookkeeping	Am. International College, B.S., M.A.
Mrs. Elizabeth Schumaker	Physical Ed.	Westbrook Jr. College, A.A. Sargent College, B.S.

Mr. James W. McBride	Instrumental Music Director	University of Rochester, A.B. Colgate-Rochester Div. School, B.D. Hartford Seminary, M.A.
Principal's Secretary	-	Mrs. Madeline Trumbull
Guidance Secretary	-	Miss Gertrude Lauber
School Nurse	-	Mrs. Dorothy Streeter, R.N.
School Doctor	-	Dr. Ansel B. True
Cafeteria Workers	-	Mrs. Agnes Wickey, Head Mrs. Nellie Barber Mrs. Ada Field Mrs. Paulina Streeter
Custodians	-	Mr. John D. Ware Mr. Donald Belsky

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

My responsibility for the program in the Pioneer Valley Regional School District began with the school year in September.

The Senior High Band began its season by marching in the parade for the United Fund Drive in Greenfield. The Senior High Band played at all Football Games both away and at home. They had a formation on the field at all the games and these were well received by the spectators. The Band also played for the Band Parents Organization meeting and the Christmas assembly.

The Junior High Band performed on the field at the Football games. They wore the blazers previously worn by the Senior High Band before they secured their new uniforms. They also performed in formation with the Senior High Band at the Home Coming Event with the Crowning of the Queen. They also performed in the Christmas program assembly. In projecting for the future the Senior High Band needs plumes to complete their uniforms. They are attached to the hats and dress up the appearance of the Band. The Junior High Band needs new uniforms to make a good presentation and showing. It will be necessary to raise extra funds for these projects.

In view of this fact and to underwrite and support the Band program during the year a Band Parents Organization was formed to aid the Director in these projects. The officers elected at the December Christmas meeting are as follows:

Co-Chairmen	- Mr. Raymond A. Tillson
	Mr. Kenneth H. Walker
Secretary	- Mrs. Gardiner R. Hudson
Treasurer	- Mr. John C. Reed, Jr.

The Band Parents Organization can be a fine asset in carrying out projects like the Exchange Concerts and fund raising projects. Also a calling committee was established to contact the parents before meetings.

My appreciation is expressed to Mr. Kenneth Sheetz, Superintendent of Schools and to Mr. William Decker, Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School for their cooperation and support in the Music Program this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. McBRIDE
Director of Instrumental Music

REPORT OF VOCAL MUSIC DIRECTOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

The vocal music program at P.V.R.S. is centered in the General Music Classes and the performing groups.

The General Music classes are required for all seventh and eighth grade students. These classes meet for one fifty minute period a week.

There is an elective course in Music Appreciation for high school students. It meets for three periods a week - two as class sessions and one laboratory session. The vocal music teacher is teaching this class for the first time this year.

The program for the general music classes is centered around four areas: singing, appreciation, fundamentals and creativity. The theme for the seventh grade music classes is "Music and Composers of Other Countries." The theme for the eighth grade music classes is "Music and Composers of our Country." Music of the seasons and holidays are used in both classes.

There are four performing groups. Two of these are new this year. Instead of one Junior High Glee Club, there are two: one for seventh graders and one for eighth graders. Each group meets for one fifty minute period a week. The groups were separated to help maintain the interest of the eighth graders. I found when seventh and eighth graders were together there were very few eighth graders. This has proven to be successful so far. Last year there were only forty students in the junior high glee club. This year there are fifty-five in the seventh grade group and twenty-three in the eighth grade group, thus doubling participation of last year.

There are two performing groups for the senior high students. A chorus for ninth through twelfth grades which meets for two fifty minute periods a week. A new group was made up this year of seniors in the chorus. This is a small, but well balanced group vocally. The group of fourteen is called the "Singing Seniors".

The Senior chorus has fifty-five members which is a gain over last year and includes more male voices. This number represents an almost equal number from each grade.

A half credit is given to the Senior High chorus members for

each year of active participation. Active participation means attendance at all regular rehearsals, extra rehearsals and performances.

The following is a list of the special performances by the choral groups:

1. The Chorus performed with the band presenting a musical program for the P.T.A.
2. "A Second Night on Broadway" was produced in the Spring by the Jr. High Glee Club and the Senior Chorus.
3. The Chorus with the band and Drama Club helped to produce a school musical called "Mr. Crane".
4. The senior chorus performed in a Memorial Day assembly for student body.
5. The Senior Chorus sang for Baccalaureate and Graduation.
6. The chorus performed in a Veteran's Day assembly for the student body.
7. The chorus combined with the band and drama club to present the Christmas Assembly for the student body. The chorus and band presented their part of the program one evening for the band parent's meeting.

Special recognition received by chorus members:

1. Three students were selected to be a member of the Western District Chorus.
2. One student was selected to be a member of All State Chorus.

The Senior chorus has a council made up of officers and class representatives. The council meets once a month to discuss business relative to the success of the chorus.

The vocal music teacher began on a 50% basis in September. This has enabled her to have more time for developing the performing groups, teach the Music Appreciation course and work with the council.

I continue to find my work at P.V.R.S. challenging and satisfying.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY J. TURNER
Vocal Music Director

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

Physical examinations for football players were completed in August, while examinations for students involved in basketball, track, cross country, volleyball and for students in grades 7 and 10 were completed in the fall of 1968.

Several inservice meetings were attended, a refresher course on how to run our new Audiometer which was purchased in December 1967 and a meeting on Sex Education and drugs.

A great deal of time was spent compiling, checking, and recording information resulting from a bill passed by the state legislature that all children in grades, kindergarten through eight, must be immunized against small pox, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and measles unless exempted for medical or religious reasons. This information on grades seven and eight, pertaining to the above bill, was then sent to all towns represented by our school union.

A flu clinic was held for all school personnel in the fall.

Home Nursing was taught for 14 weeks.

Eye and Ear testing was completed for all pupils with proper referrals made for those who failed either test.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY STREETER, R.N.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

The usual routine of examining all new pupils, students of grades seven and ten, and all members of athletic teams and squads started in August. During that month and the next I examined forty-eight boys for football. During September and October I examined one hundred seven members of the seventh grade and ninety eight of the tenth grade; fifteen boys for cross-country; twenty-four boys and girls for basketball and

eighteen girls for volley ball.

The track team and baseball teams will be examined in the spring. We expect about forty will need to be done.

Influenza vaccine was given in the fall to all members of the staff and faculty who wished it.

The most frequent defect found during the examinations was flat feet. Tonsils and teeth came second. Mrs. Streeter has reported that there has been good response to the notices sent to the parents.

I attended the four home football games and am happy to report "No serious injury".

Respectfully submitted,

ANSEL B. TRUE, M.D.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1968

Balance on hand December 31, 1967

Capital	\$1,173.17
Operational	43,507.62
School Lunches	1,293.21
Athletic Fund	1,485.40
George Barden Fund (Vo. Ag.)	155.99
National Defense Education Act	
Title III	607.52
Title V	193.86
Title VI	147.00
Reserve for Maturing Debt (Savings Deposits)	23,092.88
Trust Funds, Savings Deposit	340.16
Trust Funds, cash	27.86 \$72,024.67

RECEIPTS - CAPITAL

Reimbursement and aid on construction	\$44,695.17
Interest on savings deposits	951.84
Town of Bernardston assessment	10,269.83
Town of Leyden, assessment	3,546.42
Town of Northfield assessment	19,283.64
Town of Warwick assessment	3,841.95
	82,588.85

OPERATIONAL

Reimbursement for transportation	45,409.00
Town of Bernardston assessment	113,722.72
Town of Leyden assessment	26,777.74
Town of Northfield assessment	184,468.85
Town of Warwick assessment	31,075.40
Tuition:	
State Wards	1,074.59
Charles Alexander	417.32
Sarah Whitten	417.32
Linden Hill School	420.00
Town of Greenfield	2270.19
Town of Gill	12488.91
Dale Delano	525.00
	17,613.33

Miscellaneous:

Evening Practical			
Arts	\$ 145.00		
Sale of Materials	304.43		
Use of Buildings	137.50		
Driver Ed. Fees	780.00		
Payment of ins.			
claims	143.79		
Testing fees	375.00		
Other receipts	291.23	\$2,176.95	\$421,243.99
George Barden Fund (E.P.A.)			750.00
National Defense Act Title I			3,451.00
National Defense Act, Title V			290.00
National Defense Act, Title VI			645.00
School Lunches			30,748.69
Athletic Fund			3,649.72
Trust Funds, interest on savings dep.			17.00
State Street Bank & Trust Co.,-temporary			
loan in anticipation of revenue			
from towns		70,000.00	\$613,384.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND HOLDINGS:

\$685,408.92

Disbursements:

Capital

Interest due May 1	\$ 330.00	
Interest due November 1	275.00	
Interest due January 1	8,043.75	
Interest due July 1	8,043.75	
Redemption of bonds 2.20%	5,000.00	
Redemption of bonds 2.75%	65,000.00	86,692.50

Operational

Administration	16,527.92	
Instruction	281,830.36	
Other Services	58,876.94	
Operation and Maintenance	42,252.34	
Fixed charges	7,011.22	
Interest on temporary loan	612.50	
Acquisition of Equipment	12,955.58	420,066.86
School Lunches		29,843.67
Athletic Association		4,266.37
National Defense Act, Title I		2,603.28
National Defense Act, Title III		606.34
National Defense Act, Title VI		792.00
George Barden Fund, E.P.A. Instruction		660.00
State Street Bank & Trust Co.-payment of		
temporary loan in anticipation of revenue	70,000.00	

George Barden Fund - travel expense	155.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	615,687.01

Balance on hand December 31, 1968:

Capital	951.84
Operational	44,684.75
School Lunches	2,198.23
Athletic Fund - insurance account	644.13
Athletic Fund	224.62
George Barden, E.P.A.	90.00
National Defense Education Act:	
Title I	847.72
Title III	1.18
Title V	483.86
Reserve for maturing debt (savings deposits)	19,210.56
Trust Funds, Savings Deposit	340.16
Trust Funds, cash	44.86
	<u>69,721.91</u>

\$685,408.92

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING

Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1968

	Approp. 1968	Expended 1968	Budget 1969
1000 Administration	\$ 15,980.00	\$16,527.92	\$18,580.00
2000 Instruction	298,646.64	283,177.00	347,268.00
3000 Other Services	61,525.00	58,876.94	62,575.00
4000 Operation and Maint.	45,497.32	42,499.66	51,100.00
5000 Fixed Charges	7,455.00	7,623.72	9,420.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	10,900.00	12,955.58	8,500.00
TOTALS	\$440,003.96	\$421,660.82	\$497,443.00

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET

1969

Administration	\$18,580.00
Instruction	347,268.00
Other Services	62,575.00
Operating and Maintenance of Plant	51,100.00
Fixed Charges	8,500.00
Interest on Temporary Loan	750.00
Acquisition of Equipment	8,670.00
	\$497,443.00

Less the following credits:

Anticipated revenue

Transportation	45,409.00	
Tuition	17,613.00	
Reimbursement(E.P.A.)	750.00	
Evening Practical Arts	145.00	
Driver Education fees	780.00	
Miscellaneous	1,165.00	
		65,862.00
Appropriation from Surplus		20,000.00
		85,862.00
Net Operating Budget to be asked from Towns		\$411,581.00

Apportionment between Towns:

Bernardston	\$135,975.26
Leyden	34,359.34
Northfield	212,735.45
Warwick	<u>28,510.95</u>

\$411,581.00

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL BUDGET

1969

Maturing debt, May	\$ 5,000.00 (5 more years)
Maturing debt, July	65,000.00 (8 more years)
Interest \$25,000 May	\$ 275.00
Interest 25,000 Nov.	220.00
Interest 520,000 Jan.	7,150.00
Interest 520,000 July	<u>7,150.00</u>
	<u>14,795.00</u>
	\$84,795.00

Against this amount we are applying:
State Aid Building reimbursement

44,695.17

Appropriate from:

E & D Surplus	
1968 Savings Int.	\$ 951.84
Savings Withdrawal	<u>2,401.32</u>
	<u>3,353.16</u>
	48,048.33

To be asked from the Towns

\$36,746.67

1969 Shares

Bernardston	27.8%	\$10,215.58
Leyden	9.6%	3,527.68
Northfield	52.2%	19,181.76
Warwick	10.4%	<u>3,821.65</u>
		\$36,746.67

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH

1968

Net worth January 1, 1968 \$1,988.35

Opening cash balance \$ -659.89

Receipts:

Sales to children	\$21,208.80
Sales to adults	975.50
Sale of milk	426.59
U.S.D.A. Claims recd.	8,068.74
Other	72.87

Total receipts \$30,752.50

Available cash \$30,092.61

Disbursements:

Food	\$19,090.41
Labor	8,230.00
Other	2,079.41

Total disbursements \$29,399.82

Closing cash balance \$ 692.79

Closing cash balance \$692.79

Inventory 492.29

U.S.D.A. Claims 2,223.75

Net worth December 31, 1968 \$2,511.01

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1968, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1969.

ANN P. JAMES
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

1966 Personal Property	\$ 18.15	
Real Estate	1,911.67	\$ 1,929.82
1967 Personal Property	207.90	
Real Estate	11,431.06	11,638.96
1968 Personal Property	52,443.39	
Real Estate	304,448.29	356,891.68

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1965	22.00	
Levy of 1966	209.66	
Levy of 1967	8,044.13	
Levy of 1968	62,323.66	70,599.45

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1967	115.80	
Levy of 1968	1,781.00	1,896.80

Accounts Receivable:

General Relief	736.28
O.A.A. Adm.	15.00
O.A.A.	4,836.23
M.A. Adm.	60.54
M.A.	25,597.95
A.D.C. Adm.	3.06
A.D.C.	1,639.85
D.A. Adm.	1.81

D.A.	1,931.59	
Schools	60.00	34,882.31
Aid to Highways:		
State	12,021.54	
County	2,000.00	14,021.54
Federal Grants:		
O.A.A. Adm.	22.37	
O.A.A.	5,278.99	
M.A. Adm.	102.28	
M.A.	32,255.68	
A.D.C. Adm.	5.24	
A.D.C.	2,046.00	
D.A. Adm.	6.87	
D.A.	2,250.00	41,967.43
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding	22,730.01	
State Withholding	4,332.33	
County Retirement	3,022.31	
Teachers' Retirement	5,294.45	
Mass. Hospital Service (Hwy.)	802.52	
Mass. Hospital Service (Sch.)	3,183.32	
Teachers' Credit Union	1,188.00	
Teachers' Association Dues	456.00	
Teachers' Annuity	625.00	
Life Insurance	42.16	41,676.10
Trust Funds Interest:		
Elisha Alexander Charity	90.91	
George F. Morgan Charity	146.25	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	24.38	
Starkweather Fund	360.00	
Belcher Center School	58.11	
Belcher Library	470.55	
Maude Montague Library	80.85	
Marina P. Stanley Library	26.00	
Charles P. Dickinson Book	146.25	
DAR Book	4.88	
PC Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mt.	857.88	
PC Northfield Farms	198.38	
PC West Northfield	528.38	
PC Mary Callender Lot, Mt. Hermon	24.38	
PC Calvin Stearns Lot, Center	24.38	
Surplus Revenue, School Fund	78.00	3,119.58

State:

Loss of Taxes	1,994.05	
Meals Tax	1,620.92	
Chapter 70, School Aid	66,931.69	
Transportation	12,521.37	
Vocational Education	791.66	
Special Education, Chap. 69, 71	445.50	
Library Aid	580.00	
Valuation Basis	14,000.00	
State Tax Basis	28,902.85	
Machinery Basis	300.69	128,088.73
Tax Collector's Costs		799.50
Interest on Taxes		885.99
Tax Title Redeemed		5,427.26
Tax Title Costs		302.85
Road Machinery Fund		12,774.90
Employer's Fee, State Taxes		42.63
Rent, Town Hall		264.00
Rent, Alexander Hall		20.00
Licenses Granted		156.00
Nurse's Fees		2,540.50
Medicare Reimbursements		3,668.62
Library Fines		325.15
Court Fines		120.00
Dog Licenses		481.25
County Dog Refund		266.97
County Dog Officer		337.00
School Lunch		13,814.47
M.A. Recovery		114.20
O.A.A. Recovery		2,534.60
Gifts for Town Beautification		150.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		80.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund Interest		61.43
Trust Funds		2,910.00
U.S. Bonds Interest		250.00
Swimming Pool Receipts		289.75
Plumbing Permits		269.00
Disposal Permits		10.00
Building Permits		37.00
Ina Merriman Fund		1,364.14
County Dutch Elm Allotment		190.32
Certificates of Deposit Interest		822.91
School Library Fines		3.03
Pistol Permits		68.00
Firearms Fees		200.00
Clinic Fees		115.35
Insurance Dividends		201.23

Sewage Study	2,000.00
Revenue Cash Investment	205,000.00
Treasury Receipt	3.20
Legal Case-Road Salt	109.05
Sale of Materials	11.00
Police Accident Reports	18.00
Refunds	41,399.29
French King Vocational School Dissolution	705.39
Total Receipts	\$ 1,007,856.38
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1968	209,568.44
	\$ 1,217,424.82

RECAPITULATION

	App.	Pyt.	Balance
Moderator	25.00	25.00	
Moderator's Expense	15.00		15.00
Selectmen and Welfare Board	1,975.00	1,975.00	
Selectmen's Expense	650.00	585.01	64.99
Selectmen's Secretary	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Accountant	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Accountant's Expense	135.00	117.16	17.84
Legal Expense	350.00		350.00
Treasurer	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Treasurer's Expense	530.00	507.34	22.66
Tax Collector	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	800.00	796.46	3.54
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00	106.47	393.53
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00		25.00
Assessors	1,475.00	1,475.00	
Assessors' Clerk	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Assessors' Expense	600.00	528.15	71.85
Town Clerk	750.00	750.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	100.00	100.00	
Election and Registration	3,000.00	1,785.25	1,214.75
Planning Board Expense	200.00		200.00
Finance Board Expense	50.00	45.70	4.30
Town Hall	6,000.00	4,946.42	1,053.58
Police, Constables, Expense and Equipment	2,400.00	2,253.83	146.17
Fire Department Salaries	500.00	500.00	
Fire Department Hose and Equip.	1,300.00	1,275.16	24.84
New Fire Truck & Related Equip.	3,751.38	3,751.38	

Hydrants	500.00	500.00	
Water Holes	400.00	384.50	15.50
Maintenance of Fire Station and Garage	2,000.00	1,459.09	540.91
Public Safety	50.00	50.00	
Wire Inspector	50.00		50.00
Dutch Elm Control	3,000.00	2,977.79	22.21
Insect and Pest Control	850.00	834.91	15.09
Dog Officer and Expense	258.50	258.50	
Health	2,000.00	1,998.63	1.37
Nurse and Substitute	5,730.00	5,536.25	193.75
Part-Time Nurse	1,500.00	377.50	1,122.50
Nurse's Expense	670.00	329.39	340.61
Nurse's Clerk	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Nurse's Car Expense	500.00	395.03	104.97
Inspection of Animals	450.00	353.34	96.66
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	50.00	25.00	25.00
Highway Superintendent's Expense	200.00	200.00	
Machinery Maintenance	10,049.23	10,049.23	
Tools for Highway Work	400.00	398.12	1.88
Highway Sick Leave, Vacation, Holiday	1,800.00	1,441.60	358.40
Highways, Bridges, Railings	3,000.00	2,561.94	438.06
Highways, Chapter 81	23,100.00	23,100.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 Maint.	7,500.00	7,500.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 Construction-1967	30,998.35	30,998.35	
Highway Dump Truck	9,000.00	7,519.22	1,480.78
Highway Pick-up Truck	2,200.00	1,799.12	400.88
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00		500.00
Snow Removal	10,460.05	10,460.05	
Street Lights	6,900.00	6,897.01	2.99
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Plans	50.00		50.00
Welfare Administration	2,670.55	2,670.55	
General Relief	5,000.00	1,352.72	3,647.28
Old Age Assistance	5,700.00	5,700.00	
Medical Assistance	35,800.00	35,800.00	
Disability Assistance	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Soldier's Relief	2,000.00	367.77	1,632.23
School Committee Salaries	750.00	750.00	
Schools	181,460.45	180,074.38	1,386.07
PVRS Capital and Operating Budgets	244,714.55	244,695.40	19.15
Athol-Franklin County Vocational School	555.55	555.55	
Dickinson Library	8,738.97	8,738.97	
Field Library	150.00	150.00	
Town Reports	1,200.00	1,160.70	39.30

Interest	100.00		100.00
Fire & Casualty Insurance	8,326.47	8,326.47	
Chapter 32B Funds	4,000.00	951.45	3,048.55
Alexander Hall	375.00	369.94	5.06
Discontinued Schoolhouses	100.00		100.00
Town Clock	100.00	96.00	4.00
Land Damages	600.00	570.00	30.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00	234.23	165.77
Swimming Pool	1,300.00	974.02	325.98
Fish for Stocking Streams	200.00	200.00	
Memorial and Veterans' Days	350.00	295.55	54.45
Fence Viewers, Field Drivers, Poundkeeper	25.00	4.80	20.20
Cemeteries	2,600.00	1,923.20	676.80
Fire Station Bond and Interest	3,478.00	3,468.00	10.00
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			20,634.45
Fire Department Operating Exp.	5,706.43	5,674.01	32.42
Tree Trim and Plant	1,450.00	1,445.95	4.05
Unexpended Balances to Reserve			36.47
Plotting Map for Assessors	819.39		819.39
Town Hall Heating System	9,000.00		9,000.00
Civil Defense	888.77		888.77
Sewage Study	2,600.00	17.28	2,582.72
Highways, Chapter 90 Const.1968-27,000.00		6,246.40	20,753.60
Unexpended Balances to 1969			34,044.48
Refunds on Taxes		2,877.70	
Refunds on M.V. Excise		2,282.18	
Tax Collector's Costs		782.50	
Refunds on Teachers' Retirement		135.91	
Refunds on Mass. Hospital Service		79.16	
Refunds on Plumbing Permits		11.00	
U.S.G. Administration		95.45	
U.S.G. O.A.A.		5,241.51	
U.S.G. M.A.		26,521.27	
U.S.G. A.D.C.		2,694.10	
U.S.G. D.A.		1,494.20	
State Parks and Reservations		1,969.68	
State Assessment		96.48	
State M.V. Tax Bills		276.90	
County Tax		26,031.91	
County Retirement System		5,752.46	
Veterans' Service Center		1,444.05	

State Audit	18.43	
Dog Licenses to County	481.25	
County Dog Officer	339.00	
School Lunch	14,539.78	
Federal Withholding Taxes	22,730.01	
State Withholding Taxes	4,332.33	
County Retirement	3,022.31	
Teachers' Retirement	5,279.97	
Mass. Hospital Service	3,962.28	
Teachers' Association Dues	456.00	
Teachers' Credit Union	1,188.00	
Teachers' Annuity	625.00	
Life Insurance	28.56	
Revenue Cash Investments	330,000.00	
Gifts for Town Beautification	402.15	
Trust Funds to Savings Account	2,910.00	
U.S. Bond Interest to Savings Account	250.00	
National Defense Education, Title III	329.84	
Charles Dickinson Book Fund Interest	163.52	
Belcher Library Fund Interest	125.04	
Stabilization Fund to Savings Bank	15,100.00	
PC Cemeteries--Northfield Farms	109.95	
Ina Merriman Fund	1,364.14	
Total Payments	1,150,585.26	
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1968	<u>66,839.56</u>	\$1,217,424.82

SELECEMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		650.00
Association Dues	51.00	
Lawyers Co-op Publishing Co.	62.50	
Telephone	205.51	
Association Meetings	36.50	
Supplies	229.50	585.01
Balance to Revenue	64.99	650.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		135.00
Postage	12.00	
Telephone	2.40	
Supplies	90.63	
Equipment	12.13	117.16
Balance to Revenue	17.84	135.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Refund		30.00
Association Dues	4.00	
Treasurer's Bond	106.00	
Supplies and Postage	397.34	507.34
Balance to Revenue	22.66	530.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		800.00
Association Dues	4.00	
Collector's Bond	189.00	
Supplies, Postage, Telephone	603.46	796.46
Balance to Revenue	3.54	800.00

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		600.00
Association Dues	15.00	
Registry of Deeds	95.60	
Supplies and Postage	397.55	
Binding	20.00	528.15
Balance to Revenue	71.85	600.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Association Dues	10.50	
Town Clerk's Bond	10.00	
Supplies	20.50	
Telephone	8.60	
Clerical	50.40	100.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		3,000.00
Elections	1,081.00	
Registrars	88.00	
Ballots	63.75	
Street Lists	552.50	1,785.25
Balance to Revenue	1,214.75	3,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HALL

Appropriation		6,000.00
Fuel	2,408.75	
Electricity	325.19	
Water	48.00	
Public Safety	35.00	
Supplies and Maintenance	329.48	
Custodian	1,800.00	4,946.42
Balance to Revenue	1,053.58	6,000.00

POLICE, CONSTABLES, EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		2,400.00
Payroll	1,545.59	
Mileage	347.14	
Radio Maintenance	180.00	
Supplies and Equipment	156.65	
Telephone	24.45	2,253.83
Balance to Revenue	146.17	2,400.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Appropriation		500.00
Fire Chief	250.00	
Fire Warden	150.00	
Secretary	100.00	500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		4,500.00
Refund		9.10
Reserve		1,197.43
Mutual Aid	10.00	
Payroll	2,952.00	
Telephone	427.59	
Repairs and Supplies	2,284.42	5,674.01
Balance to Reserve	32.42	5,706.43

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		1,300.00
Hose	788.70	
Paint	268.37	

Coats, Boots, etc.	218.09	1,275.16
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Balance to Revenue	24.84	1,300.00
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MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION AND GARAGE

Appropriation		2,000.00
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Fuel	677.51	
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Electricity	503.49	
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Water	90.86	
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Payroll	39.38	
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Supplies and Repairs	147.85	1,459.09
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Balance to Revenue	540.91	2,000.00
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TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING

Appropriation		1,200.00
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Reserve		250.00
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Payroll	1,124.71	
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Hired Machinery	92.00	
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Supplies and Repairs	229.24	1,445.95
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Balance to Reserve	4.05	1,450.00
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DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		3,000.00
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Payroll	2,333.53	
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Hired Machinery	84.00	
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Materials and Supplies	213.76	
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New Chain Saw	346.50	2,977.79
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Balance to Revenue	22.21	3,000.00
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INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		850.00
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Hired Machinery	305.00	
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Payroll	55.00	
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Materials and Supplies	474.91	834.91
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Balance to Revenue	15.09	850.00
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HEALTH

Appropriation		2,000.00
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Association Dues	6.00	
Telephone	.65	
Health Services	100.00	
Supplies	338.48	
Clinics	315.00	
Vital Statistics	76.00	
Association Meetings	27.50	
Dumps:		
Abalene	143.00	
Hired Machinery	992.00	1,998.63
Balance to Revenue	1.37	2,000.00

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		670.00
Supplies	251.20	
Equipment	56.94	
Telephone	21.25	329.39
Balance to Revenue	340.61	670.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00
Association Dues	15.00	
Telephone	123.84	
Supplies	22.68	
Conference	16.50	
Repairs	21.98	200.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Road Machinery Fund		10,000.00
Reserve		49.23
Supplies and Repairs	7,054.69	
Payroll	2,994.54	10,049.23

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, RAILINGS

Appropriation		3,000.00
Payroll	1,512.25	
Supplies and Repairs	1,049.69	2,561.94
Balance to Revenue	438.06	3,000.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		4,950.00	
Surplus Revenue		18,150.00	
Payroll	6,230.48		
Town Machinery	4,749.80		
Hired Machinery	1,820.00		
Materials	10,299.72	23,100.00	

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		2,500.00	
Surplus Revenue		5,000.00	
Payroll	1,563.64		
Town Machinery	1,142.60		
Hired Machinery	377.50		
Materials	4,416.26	7,500.00	

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation		6,750.00	
Surplus Revenue		20,250.00	
Payroll	447.00		
Town Machinery	330.80		
Hired Machinery	915.00		
Materials	4,553.60	6,246.40	
Balance to 1969	20,753.60	27,000.00	

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		10,000.00	
Reserve		460.05	
Payroll	4,124.31		
Hired Machinery	408.75		
Salt	3,013.16		
Sand	1,616.46		
Supplies	1,297.37	10,460.05	

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		200.00	
Reserve		175.00	
Janitor	250.00		
Supplies and Repairs	9.76		
Drapes	110.18	369.94	
Balance to Revenue	5.06	375.00	

SCHOOLS

Appropriation		181,177.00
Refund		283.45
Teachers' Salaries	112,543.06	
Superintendent's Salary	2,710.08	
Superintendent's Aide	1,343.36	
Clerks	1,895.00	
Custodians	7,994.55	
Travel	308.36	
Physician	400.00	
Nurse	765.04	
Transportation	23,955.76	
Textbooks	1,000.76	
Student Supplies	4,434.32	
Janitor Supplies	1,716.46	
Fuel	3,502.67	
Water and Current	3,872.60	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,289.57	
New Equipment	762.83	
Tuition	7,523.57	
Sundry	260.20	
Telephone	263.27	
Office Supplies	149.88	
Special Project	2,136.09	
Administrative Expense	246.95	180,074.38
Balance to Revenue	1,386.07	181,460.45

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		7,892.00
Dog Refund		266.97
State Library Aid		580.00
Payroll	6,096.93	
Electricity	213.72	
Telephone	82.22	
Fuel	471.51	
Water	32.00	
Repairs	23.60	
Books and Magazines	1,652.85	
Dues	22.00	
Supplies	144.14	8,738.97

TOWN CLOCK

Appropriation	100.00
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Caretaker	75.00	
Electricity	21.00	96.00
Balance to Revenue	4.00	100.00

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation		350.00
PVRs Band	50.00	
Flags	93.96	
Plants	127.40	
Sound Service	10.00	
Supplies	14.19	295.55
Balance to Revenue	54.45	350.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		2,600.00
Center Cemetery:		
Payroll	764.00	
Supplies	14.25	
Water	48.00	
CV Railway	5.00	
Commissioner's Salary	75.00	
Mount Hermon:		
Payroll	86.00	
Northfield Farms:		
Payroll	186.00	
West Northfield:		
Payroll	595.20	
Supplies	92.75	
Lawn Mower	57.00	1,923.20
Balance to Revenue	676.80	2,600.00

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND

Balance from 1967		257.57
Receipts		470.55
Electricity	45.73	
Telephone	15.71	
Fuel	39.11	
Books	4.00	

Supplies	4.49	
Water	16.00	125.04
Balance to 1969	603.08	728.12

CHARLES DICKINSON LIBRARY BOOK FUND

Balance from 1967		135.00
Receipts		146.25
Books and Magazines	163.52	163.52
Balance to 1969	117.73	281.25

BALANCE SHEET, TOWN OF NORTFIELD

For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash
Revenue Cash Investments

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1968
Personal Property
Real Estate
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:
Levy of 1966
Levy of 1967
Levy of 1968

66,839.56 Road Machinery Fund
125,000.00 MA Recovery Account
ADC Recovery Account

Federal Grants:
O.A.A. Adm.

O.A.A.

M.A. Adm.

M.A.

A.D.C. Adm.

A.D.C.

D.A. Adm.

D.A.

Overestimate 1968:

County Tax

School Lunch

National Defense Education, Title III

Life Insurance

Beautification Fund

Sale of Real Estate

Sale of Cook Lot

Sale of Cemetery Lots

Trailings

Tax Title and Possessions:

Title

Possessions

Aid to Highways:

State

County

Liabilities and Reserves

12,602.12
45.00
115.64

53.73

3,489.71

89.24

6,968.20

13.26

3,279.12

14.24

772.53

14,680.03

204.19

1,251.40

4.94

13.60

98.75

1,260.00

2,709.37

3,042.12

132.00

Departmental:

M.A. 381.92
D.A. Adm. 2.83
School Dept. 25.00

Underestimate 1968:

State Parks & Reservations

County Dog Officer

Trust Funds Income:

Elisha Alexander Charity 1,144.92
George F. Morgan Charity 572.87
Roselle Evans Poor 185.59
Starkweather Charity 1,570.00
Belcher Center School 485.90
Belcher Library 603.08
Maude Montague Library 517.25
Marina Stanley Library 101.31
Chas. Dickinson Book 117.73
DAR Book 24.54

Perpetual Care Cemeteries:

Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mt. 1,405.03
Northfield Farms 275.86
West Northfield 1,005.58
Mary Callender Lot 91.53
Calvin Stearns Lot 122.53

Overlay Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1968
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus 12,448.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected: 24,444.98

M.V. & Trailer Excise

4,021.46
Tax Title & Possessions 13,456.51
Aid to Highways 55,107.29
Departmental 409.75

72,995.01

Surplus Revenue

Appropriation Balances:

Assessors' Map 819.39
Town Hall Heating 9,000.00
Civil Defense 888.77

93,260.01

Sewage Study	2,582.72
Chap. 90 Const., 1968	20,753.60
	<u>34,044.48</u>
	\$281,575.36

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 18,000.00
Fire Station and Garage Loan	\$ 18,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:
 In Custody of Treasurer
 In Custody of Selectmen
 In Custody of Trustees

71,172.01	In Custody of Treasurer:	1,457.75
10,323.00	Lottie Evans Charity	500.00
14,282.41	Roselle Evans Charity	3,000.00
	Geo. F. Morgan Charity	
	Surplus Revenue	
	School Fund	1,600.00
	Belcher Center School	1,250.00
	Belcher Library	9,739.01
	Dickinson Book Fund	3,000.00
	DAR Book Fund	100.00
	Marina Stanley Library	540.00
	Montague Library	2,009.60
	Cowles Cemetery	2,000.00
	Belcher Center Cemetery	2,000.00
	Calvin Stearns Cemetery	500.00
	Mary Callender Cemetery	500.00
	W. Northfield Cemetery	7,292.49

PC Cemeteries	21,349.75	
Post War Rehabilitation	12,465.82	
Ina Merriman Library	1,867.59	71,172.01
In Custody of Selectmen:		
Sidney Starkweather		
Charity	8,000.00	
Elisha Alexander Charity	2,020.00	
Flora E. Lane,		
Center Cemetery	202.00	
Lucretia Holton, West		
Northfield Cemetery	101.00	10,323.00
In Custody of Trustees:		
Martha Alexander Charity		<u>14,282.41</u>
		\$95,777.42
	<u>\$95,777.42</u>	

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1968.

This past year 35 trees had to be removed that were dead or a hazard to the streets or highways.

This spring 22 trees were planted along our streets and highways. There will be 60 trees available from the nursery for planting this year.

This year flowers were planted in front of the town hall, water fountain, Alexander Hall, V. F. W. Hall, Veteran's Memorial and West Northfield Playground Association. This fall tulip bulbs were planted in front of Veteran's Memorial, Alexander Hall, fire station and the town hall.

Through the generosity of the Village Improvement Society, a donation of \$150.00 was gratefully received. With this money we purchased line out stock for the town tree nursery.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON
Tree Warden

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year 1968, 225 diseased Elm Trees were removed and burned. There were 93 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 169 trees were found positive and they should be removed and burned by April 1, 1969. These trees are located as follows:

54	Northfield
42	East Northfield
38	West Northfield
35	Northfield Farms

We were again able to have the personnel of the Shade Tree Laboratories help us take samples for culture.

GYPSY MOTH AND JAPANESE BEETLE

Again we have not had a noticeable build-up of the Gypsy Moth.

The Japanese Beetles were on the increase this year. Some build-up of this pest was noted in some areas.

The mosquito and black fly spraying was continued. This service is available on private properties if requested by the owner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople, Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Board. I also want to thank the men in my department and the men of the Northfield Highway Department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON
Moth Superintendent

FOREST WARDEN'S REPORT

In comparison to past years, 1968 proved to be a little more expensive than it should have been. Two major fires may be named as the source of this great expense. One was a rather large railroad fire, which was not able to be reached easily. The other was a forest fire on Hemlock Mountain that was not only inaccessible, but also time-consuming.

Dump and grass fires were numerous this past year also.

It was found necessary to use more funds in our budget than had been expected. With a little more luck and help from everyone, perhaps this problem can be eliminated during 1969.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD E. WILLIAMS
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

A new Ford chassis 950 was purchased for the department. The body of the Rio chassis was transferred to the Ford chassis with some alterations, so the Rio fire truck, as such, is no longer in use.

A new 750 pump, meeting underwriters' specifications, was also purchased.

Fires this year occurred as follows:

House Fires	2
Resuscitator Calls	3
Railroad Fires	6
Wires Down	2
Automobile	4
Grass, Brush, etc.	61

Thank you once again, everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD E. WILLIAMS
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has held its usual meetings during the year and discussed many problems of the town. The Board had several meetings with the Committee for Sewerage Study and as a result, articles will be carried in the Town Meeting Warrant this year.

The Board has inserted an article in the warrant for the appointment of a full-time Police Chief after much investigation and discussion.

The Board approved and signed an affidavit making the Sub-Division Laws accepted in the Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD A. NEWTON, Chairman
ROSS L. SPENCER, JR.
JAMES E. DRESSER
DAVID G. QUINN
C. MILTON COOPER
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

The Town of Northfield has participated in Radio Communication Drills, attended Sector Meetings, submitted required reports, and has met the prerequisites for participation in Federally Sponsored programs.

On December 17th we participated in the Regional NAWAS Warning Systems exercise "Cascade-Kilo". In this National Warning System Test Sector 4D had 100% response, the best in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD

Civil Defense Director

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1968.

Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From the Estate of William Eberhardt For Perpetual Care of Lot #1 in Mount Hermon Cemetery	\$100.00
From Louis F. & Elsie L. Davis For Lot #163 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Louis F. & Elsie L. Davis For $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot #170 in West Northfield Cemetery	15.00
From Agnes Cohen for Lot #26 In Mount Hermon Cemetery	25.00
From Roy D. Parker, 148 Petty Plain Rd., Greenfield, Mass. for Lot #256 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Alice Drake for Lot #27 In Mount Hermon Cemetery	15.00
From Clayton P. B. Miller, 360 Chapman St., Greenfield, Mass. for Lot #26-Nfld. Farms Cemetery	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

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RICHARD H. BASSETT

129 HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Town Treasurer for one year, Tax Collector for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, one Elementary School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Planning Board member for one year, one member P.V.R.S. Committee for three years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 4, 1969 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Tax Collector Salary	\$ 1200.00	Wire Inspector	\$ 25.00
Expense	800.00	Highway Superintendent Expense	200.00
Assessors Salary	1475.00	Highway Tools	400.00
Chairman	\$525.00	Highway Sick Leave, Vacations & Holidays	2200.00
Each Member	475.00	Highways, Bridges and Railings	3000.00
Expense		Sidewalks	500.00
Town Clerk Salary		Snow Removal	10,000.00
Expense		Street Lights	6900.00
Planning Board Expense		Highway Bounds, Surveys, Plans &	
Election & Registration		Street List	350.00
Town Hall Maintenance		Town Reports	900.00
Elementary School Committee Salary		Memorial & Veterans Day Observances	350.00
Each Member	\$125.00	Alexander Hall	1468.50
P.V.R.S. School Committee Salary		Fire & Casualty Insurance	8000.00
Each Member	\$125.00	Chapter 32B Insurance	3500.00
Elementary School Operating		Interest	100.00
P.V.R.S. Capital	194,193.00	Town Clock	100.00
P.V.R.S. Operating	19,181.76	Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00
Soldiers' Relief	212,735.45	Protection Tax Title Property	25.00
Legal Expense	2000.00	Land Damage	600.00
Constable, Sp. Police Pay, Exp. & Equip.	350.00	Repairs, Discontinued School Houses	100.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	3400.00	Fence Viewers, Field Drivers, &	
Fire Dept. Operating	500.00	Pound Keeper	25.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	6000.00	Maintenance Athletic Field	400.00
Hydrants	1400.00	Swimming Pool	1200.00
Water Holes	500.00	Cemeteries	2600.00
Fire Station & Town Garage Maint.	400.00	Fire Station Bonds	
Tree Warden, Trimming & Planting	2000.00	Maturing Debt	3000.00
Dutch Elm Control	1200.00	Interest	396.00
	3000.00		

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or employ a clerk, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary of such clerk or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1100.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$7000.00 and transfer \$18,150.00 from unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$7200.00 for the Town's share, and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$21,600.00 for the state and county's share.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$3000.00 and transfer \$6000.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Machinery Fund a sum of money for the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from the Machinery Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$250.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$7827.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the County, known as the "Dog Fund", for the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto or act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Highway Dept. dump truck and related equipment, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$10,500.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to dispose of the Reo Fire Truck Chassis or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new car for the use of the Public Health Nurse, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$2000.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations on the Town Hall kitchen and dining facilities.

Article 19. To hear the report of the Dump Study Committee, raise and appropriate a sum of money to institute its recommendations, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin, a sum of money for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm disease control, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the legislature for permission to grant a license under the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 11, Subsection D, which reads "Shall licenses be granted in the city (or town) for the sale of all alcoholic beverages by hotels, having a dining room capacity of not less than ninety-nine persons and lodging capacity of not less than fifty rooms?"- such permission to remain in effect until the next Biennial Election, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Agreement, which amendment shall change the date of the annual public budget hearing from "the second Thursday of November" to "on or before November 30th".

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to purchase markers to be placed on the graves of veterans in the cemeteries of Northfield, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.
The Finance Committee recommends \$250.00.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Unregistered Motor vehicles

Section 1. The keeping of more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or disassembled, except by a person licensed under General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 59, on any premises shall

not be permitted unless said motor vehicle is stored within an enclosed building.

Section 2. A special permit to keep more than one unregistered motor vehicle on any premises not within an enclosed building, after a duly called public hearing to which all abutters to the premises have received notice, may be granted by the Board of Selectmen, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this By-Law; (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and (3) will not be a nuisance.

Section 3. All such special permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered motor vehicles to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land, and shall be limited to a reasonable length of time.

Section 4. This article shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and used for farming purposes, nor shall this article apply to landowners or tenants who store motor vehicles out of sight of both abutters and public ways.

Section 5. Whoever violates any provisions of this Article of the By-Laws shall be liable to a penalty of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per day for each day of violation, commencing ten days following date of receipt of written notice from the Board of Selectmen.

The Planning Board recommends.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of a parcel of land known as the side hill lot, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$5000.00.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1969 Tax Rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$10,000.00.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the Treasurer from one year to three years, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 for perpetual care of the following cemetery lot from the following people.

Lot #1 Mount Hermon Cemetery From the Estate of William Eberhardt

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Overlay Surplus to the Stabilization Fund or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends transfer \$10,000.00.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to employ a police officer, raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay salary, purchase vehicle and necessary equipment, and pay vehicle operating expenses or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$12,600.00.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a committee to study the ambulance problem and make recommendations at a future annual or special town meeting or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for unpaid accounts of 1968.

The Finance Committee recommends \$245.00.

Article 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to act as an investigating committee to determine the procedures necessary for planning a Tercentenary Celebration for the Town in 1973. This Committee shall make a progress report

at the next regular or special town meeting for possible further action.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield and East Northfield; Field Library, Northfield Farms; and Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman
Stanley J. Powers
Herbert H. Streeter

A true copy. Attest:

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